

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Stay awake, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.**
— MATTHEW 25:13



O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

PSALM 63:2

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for November 9 - 15, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
November 9	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
November 10	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Joseph Viececi, Paul Budvitis
November 11	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Dan Linklater
November 12	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Jean Courtley
November 13	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski, Andy Sandoval
November 14	Communion Service	8:00am	
	Fr. Clark	5:00pm	Ola Maveety, Patricia Benes, Jean Hills, Beverly Gutierrez
November 15	Fr. Gamboa	7:15am	Walter & Ola Maveety, Bill DePasquale, Emilia, Marco & Tony Rattin, George Duda, John & Frances Mahoney
	Fr. Clark	8:45am	Stacy Baker, Vacys Malecktas
	Fr. Clark	10:30am	Walter Maveety, Louise Cafasso
	Fr. Garcia	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

SATURDAY 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. St. Cletus Parish is now offering a Communion Service instead of Mass. Please note that pre-registration is required.



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a new limit of 100 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. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.



We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar Monday-Friday, Saturday at 5pm and on Sunday.

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

Therese S. "Sue" Baker
Mother of Fr. Ken Baker

Jean Trejo
Mother of Meghan Tortorici and Dan Trejo

Carol Griffith
Sister of Peggy Shevlin

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

November - Judy McLean

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

September - Carol Reckwerdt, Baby Vivian Furry, 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

*Alyssa Olewinski
& Jason McNamara*

Notes from Fr. Bob...

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some years ago a friend of mine went to buy a new bible. He desired a small pocket translation of the New Testament that could easily be carried from place to place. He chose a version of the Good News Bible. He took one from low down in the pile of books so that it would not have been fingered and looked at by other prospective buyers. Proud of this buy, he went home and opened it. Shock and surprise! The text had been bound into the bible upside-down. The initial reaction was one of anger. Questions were asked in his mind: why had the shop sold such a bible? Why had he not noticed it? The first idea was to ask for his money back. Then he laughed. The upside-down bible was an important reminder that the values of the gospel are not those of the world. The bible would come to have an important value in reminding him that the gospel parables often present a world being turned upside down! Today's gospel contrasts two groups of people. Jesus warns his apostles about the attitudes of the Pharisees. This group of laymen was zealous in keeping the Law and following the command of the scribes. They believed that by faithful living of the law, they would bring about the kingdom of God. While living the law was a way to holiness, unfortunately the Pharisees began to see themselves as better Jews than others. Superiority about keeping the law led to a perfectionism which inflated their opinion of themselves and led them to impose burdens on people, especially the poor. Also they despised those who could not keep the law. The parable of the Pharisee and publican highlights their self-regard and high opinion of themselves. It is the publican praying, 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner', who returns home at peace with God. In contrast to the attitudes of the Pharisees, Jesus praises the widow whose offering is small but represents all she has. In Jewish society widows were understood as being in God's special care since they had nobody to defend their rights in a patriarchal society. Poor in spirit, they trusted deeply in God and were promised that they would inherit the kingdom of heaven. Utter dependence upon God, not self-righteousness, is rewarded. The world of worldly success and reward is turned upside-down. The blessing of the widow who is generous to Elijah is the theme of the first reading. The thirsty traveler asks the poor widow for a little food and water. From her heart she wants to



help him but has no spare food. Trusting in God's promise she shares her meal and is blessed with abundance. Her world is turned upside-down. There is a tendency in most people to like things the way they are and consequently change is very difficult. It is difficult to accept that at times God turns the way we see the world upside-down. It is startling to recognize that it is generosity of the poor that can reveal God's plan in a special way. Conversion and change is a slow process; it requires growing in trust in God and beginning to see the world in another way. It is a time of vulnerability. Conversion leads to the capacity to be able to let go of self-reliance and possessions and to recognize dependence on God. For people who have grown up hearing phrases of the form; 'save for a rainy day', 'be prudent and have insurance', 'get a good bargain', it is difficult to be reliant on God and to find this gospel freedom. For those struggling with the radical gospel of today, a starting point might be to desire this change more deeply, and then to enjoy the giftedness of life. Celebration of the gift encourages spontaneity. From this rich source of freedom generosity may follow.

Generous Blessings on All,



**Fr. Bob,
Pastor**



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.heyas@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

Letter from Fr. Bob

BE
OUR
LIGHT

October 28, 2020

Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I hope and pray that you and all your loved ones remain safe and healthy during this very difficult time. The corona virus, as you know, has turned our daily lives upside down over these past several months.

St. Cletus ministries continue to adjust and adapt to today's reality. We remain committed to serving the needs of our parishioners and community, even if the way we minister looks a little different. We continue to feed the hungry through our food pantry by providing curbside service, educating our students in their classroom environments, provide E-Learning for Religious Education students, provide Zoom calls to our choir members, celebrate mass in our beautiful church (as well as virtually), and continue to provide cleaning and sanitizing in all of our buildings.

I write to all of you today to ask for your help to sustain our parish ministries, programs, and operations at the current level. I am sure you have noticed that we are currently not meeting our weekly budgetary goals. I recognize the financial strains that you might be experiencing. I ask that you prayerfully consider any way you may help us to reach our budgetary needs.

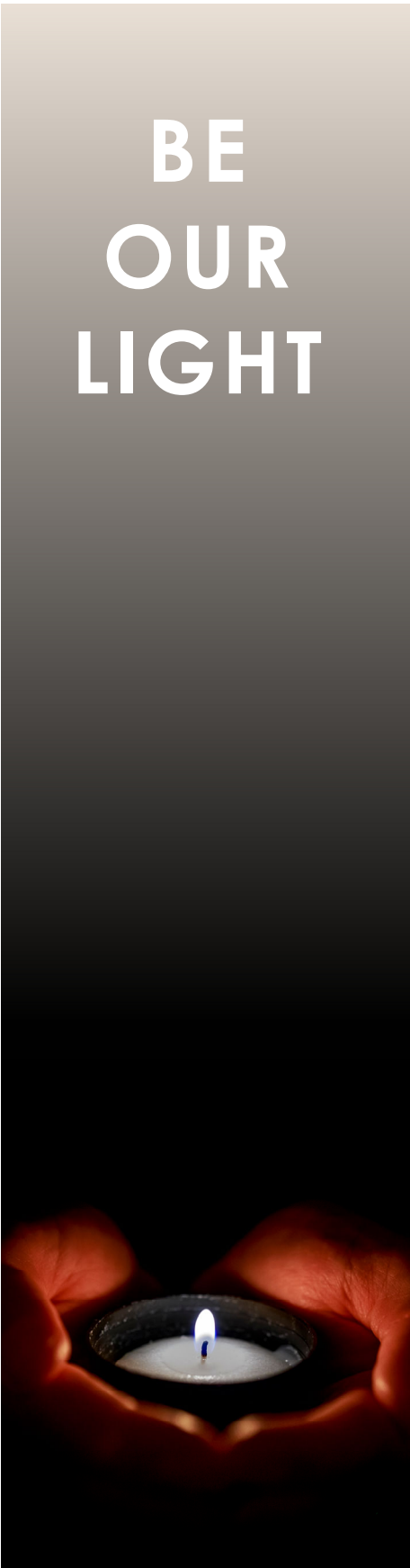
There are many different opportunities to continue to support our parish. We ask each of you to consider being a light for St. Cletus Parish, helping us navigate these tough times. Parishioners should have received in the mail a special envelope to use if you are able to offer some additional financial support. You may also continue to help using your Sunday envelopes, which can be dropped off at mass or in the rectory drop box, sent through mail, or you may choose to donate through our online portal at www.stcletusparish.com.

Also, please consider volunteering. We still need ushers, greeters, and cleaners to continue our liturgical services. If you can help, please email us at reopening@stcletusparish.com. Will you be our light?

Love, Health, and Blessings,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Corn
- Soup

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

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree: Tags now available!

Giving Tree Tags will be available starting Saturday, November 7! There will be many ways to get tags this year:

Parish Center Gym: Trees will be available Saturdays from 3:00-6:30pm and Sundays from 7:00am-1:00pm. Trees will be spread out and we will provide gloves and sanitizer. Masks required. Trees will be labeled by category so you can easily find what type of tag you are looking for. Shop with Scrip will also be available to purchase Grocery Gift Cards for families as well!

Area Businesses: We have partnered with a number of area businesses to host a Giving Tree at their locations! You will be able to visit these partner businesses during their normal hours to pick up tags and even support the business by purchasing your gift there! WIN-WIN! Participating businesses include:

- Blackberry Market
- Fair Game
- La Grange Library
- (Children's Service Desk)
- Peak Running
- Vintage Charm
- Waterlemon
- Whisper Me Home

Online Form: We have a simple form you can complete to request tags and then we will email you information for tags based on what you requested. All contact free. Visit: shorturl.at/lrKV3

Email/Phone: Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or leave a message at 708.215.5418 and we can get back to you with tag information.

We are looking forward to working creatively to meet the growing need this year. Thank you for your help!

Giving Tree Volunteer Opportunity

We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the Parish Center Gym when the Giving Trees are available. Shifts are about 2 hours long on Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning/afternoon from November 7-December 6.

Please read the descriptions carefully before signing up. Thank you! Visit: shorturl.at/ahCH7

MISSION LADIES



Our wonderful Mission Ladies have been working hard, at home, to complete all of the handmade donations this year! This week they were able to fulfill ALL of the requests and deliver them early! We are so grateful for their hard work, creative craftiness, and truly one-of-a kind donations. Thank you!

Pictured to the left: Mission Ladies Distribution from a previous year.

**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.



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

How to Successfully Navigate a Career Switch

Join ICN on ZOOM, Thursday, November 19 from 7-8:30 pm for a panel discussion on what it means to *successfully* switch industries in your career. This conversation is for you if you are currently:

- Job seeking and need support in how to articulate your skill set within an industry that you have not worked in.
- Looking to have an impact in the public sector after a career in the private sector.
- A job seeker looking to network with new leaders... and more!

Annie Davis-Korelc will moderate this discussion followed by an opportunity for Q & A with the panelists. Annie taught high school in the suburbs of Chicago before becoming Program Manager (developing and implementing professional development for adult learners) at Education Pioneers. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Copy this link into your browser to see the full description of the discussion & panelists: <https://tinyurl.com/y64ycjvv>

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84230537602?pwd=QnV0NGs0bGd3UW0wZTB6R0hHL0VzQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 3053 7602
Passcode: 799303

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

Advent at Home Retreat | Monday, Nov. 30, 7 PM thru Monday, Dec. 14, 8 PM



How is God adventing in your life, in the life of the world, in Planet Earth this year? Are you noticing the new Advent of God? In a retreat designed for busy people, participants commit to pray for one half-

hour a day and meet with a spiritual director 5 times for 30 minutes over the two-week retreat. The retreat starts with an opening reflection and ends with a closing session. Cost: \$100. With Pat Bergen, CSJ, among others.

Moving Through the Energy and Emotion of Grief Saturday, Nov. 21, 12-2 PM



In these times of powerlessness we experience the loss of normalcy, human connection, health, income and celebrations. These losses give way to grief. Experience simple ways to find lightness of being; engage in sharing with others. Take away new possibilities of self-care from an energy perspective. Cost: \$25 Facilitated by Joanne Scullin, in partnership with River's Edge.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



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. Learn more at <https://www.catholiccharities.net>,

WORD OF LIFE



“We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing” respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

May each expectant mother making an adoption plan receive support and care of the Christian community as she makes a loving choice for her child.



@shanti via Twenty20

St. Cletus School

FOR INFORMATION:

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gporod@stcletusparish.com

Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal
(708) 352-4820
cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

FOCUS ON OUR FACULTY

This year we welcomed two new teachers to our 5th and 6th grades! We are so excited to welcome them to the Cletus family! During these years there is an increased focus on organization and student responsibility allows for more collaborative group work while differentiating the learning. We look forward to everything Ms. Russell and Mrs. Witkowski will have to offer our students this year! Please see their full bios below their photos



GETTING TO KNOW MRS. WITKOWSKI

Mrs. Witkowski is so excited to be the 5th grade teacher this year! She lives in Plainfield with her husband, daughter, and 2 dogs(Bandit and Zeus). She graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 2008 with a degree in Elementary Education with emphasis in Middle School English and Social Science. In her spare time she enjoys reading and baking!



GETTING TO KNOW MS. RUSSELL

Ms. Russell grew up in Aurora with her two parents and younger brother. She attended Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Her previous teaching experience includes student teaching and field experience in third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms, as well as tutoring experience in kindergarten through fourth grade. Outside of school, she loves to spend time outdoors with friends and family. She is excited to help our students grow and succeed academically, socially, and spiritually



HALLOWEEN FUN

What a fantastic day to be a Cardinal!! Students, teachers, and parents all had a great time at our Haunted Car Yard! It was so much fun seeing all the amazing car decorations and all the wonderful costumes! We are so glad we were able to have this event again this year. Thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone for abiding by our social distancing guidelines! The kiddos were very excited to walk around with their cohort seeing all the cars and of course to get their treat bag at the end from our Family School Association! Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen!

St. Cletus School
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL AT
STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM/ABOUT

Discover Catholic Schools
Preschool - 8th Grade

HOME OF THE
CARDINALS

700 W. 55th Street - La Grange, IL 60525
(708) 352-4820

Discover St. Cletus School! Take a virtual tour on our website and see how we live our words of Faith, Family, Future.



ST. CLETUS FATHER'S CLUB
Presents

COMEDY NIGHT

A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL



PAT TOMASULO



MIKE TOOMEY

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14TH
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM**

as seen on
CHICAGO'S VERY OWN
WGN9
MORNING NEWS

\$25.00
SPONSOR A
TEACHER

\$50.00
PER HOUSEHOLD

\$10.00
SPLIT THE POT

SHOW HOSTED AND PERFORMED VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
PRE-SHOW AT 7:00PM - HAPPY HOUR BINGO! WIN PRIZES!
COMEDY SHOW STARTS AT 8:00PM

Event and Log-in information will be emailed prior to event.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE SEND ADMISSION FEES BACK IN STUDENT FOLDER. FEE CAN ALSO BE PAID ONLINE AT: STCLETUSSCHOOL.COM/PARENTS

We hope that you can attend!

- \$50.00 - Comedy Show
- \$25.00 - Sponsor a Teacher
- \$10.00 - Split-the-Pot Raffle
- \$_____ We're unable to attend but would like to donate to help St. Cletus School

Please make checks out to: St. Cletus School

Other Ministry Notes

SAT. MORNING 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE



On November 7th St. Cletus Parish will begin offering weekly (Saturday) communion services.

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

Please plan on joining us each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. 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 8th. We will discuss **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng.

For those who like to look ahead:

February 9: **Happiness is the Choice You Make** by John Leland. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

LOOKING FOR CONFESSION?

Confessions are heard the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 9:45am. Please visit our website, www.stcletusparish.com or call 708-352-6209 to make a reservation.

We are also adding the option of confession following 8:00am Mass on Wednesdays You can sign up when competing your online registration.

PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM



Now is certainly the time to ask for Mary's intercession and guidance! Parishioners meet in church every Wednesday at 1:00 to pray the Rosary together. It is such a beautiful way to join our

voices and reverence together and pray for our personal intentions as well as those of our parish and world. We alternate the mysteries, praying the Joyful then the Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries so that we ponder all of the blessed moments in Christ's life through Mary's eyes. Thank you to our faithful team of greeters/cleaners who make this gathering possible. Also, if you have rosaries to donate or that need repair, you can drop them off in the designated box in church.

When we had the Rosary Table in the narthex in October and May, it was always amazing to see how Mary used our efforts to reach out to others. So many times, someone would say they were just looking for a Rosary for a friend or for an ailing relative. Or that someone close had just

died and they wanted to pray for them. We gave out over 40 rosaries each time, along with guides on how to say the Rosary, rosary pouches and other devotional aides. Also, a Living Rosary member agrees to pray a particular decade each day along with other members, so that all together the entire rosary is prayed daily.

Over a hundred people are members and you can also join anytime by calling Mary Lu at 630-430-3338. I have been praying the Fourth Joyful Mystery, the Presentation in the Temple, for over 20 years, but still have new insights about God's great gift of His love, His son Jesus, and the people who cared for Him as an infant. Everyone has time to pray one decade each day and to make Mary a cherished part of your daily devotions. Come join us in whatever way works for you. Your Mother is waiting with open arms.

RCIA



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) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

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.

MEET SOME OF THE ST. CLETUS REOPENING TEAM



Rhea welcoming and checking in Mike and Mary Jane Walsh - also Reopening St Cletus volunteers!

Hello fellow parishioners,

My name is Rhea Wehrmeister, and I have been a St. Cletus parishioner since early 1995. We had been searching for a new parish since August 1994, when we moved from Oak Lawn. The warmth of those who, although they did not know us, yet warmly extended their welcome at the sign of peace, listening to Fr. Marshall's uplifting homily, and reverent consecration sealed the deal for us. This felt like exactly kind of community where we belonged.

We enrolled our youngest daughter our parish grammar school. My husband joined the Chancel Choir and became an annual pancake flipper at the Walter Klimke Breakfast for many years. I was welcomed as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector (1995) and more recently a Minister of Care (2016) at La Grange Hospital.

The closing of our church this past spring was a tremendous loss. The most important liturgies of the Easter season were sorely missed. Although we 'watched' Mass on TV, there was absolutely no comparison with being present to receive Eucharist as opposed to a spiritual communion. When the TV Mass ended, I still felt shortchanged. Spiritual communion fell far short of truly receiving the true Blessed Sacrament. I longed for a return to my own parish church and community.

When the reopening was announced, and participation was made available to us 'older' parishioners, I volunteered as a greeter/usher. Reconnecting with the many people who have become dear friends over the years, meeting new parishioners as they come through the doors to celebrate Mass together as a community of believers, receiving the Eucharist once more, especially during these uncertain times as been a gift. As we do our

best to return to in-person Mass while keeping everyone attending as safe as possible was an opportunity I could not pass up.

If you are thinking of returning to church, be assured the responsibility to maintain a meticulously clean environment and social distancing is taken very seriously. BUT--Yes, there is always a "but", we need more volunteers. If you are missing Holy Communion and the community of parishioners of St. Cletus, please consider volunteering. There are many ways to become active in the reopening of our parish. Speak with any of us. We would truly welcome your help.

Blessings to all - Rhea

BECOME A ST. CLETUS REOPENING TEAM VOLUNTEER

Every time the doors of our church are open, GREETERS, (led by Colleen Hagen), those confirming reservations and checking people need to be present. USHERS will also need to be present to assist people with being seated, receiving communion and being dismissed safely following each service.

Our CLEANING TEAM, (led by Tom Reisel and Mary Delaney) arrives after each service to wipe down and disinfect the pews, kneelers and other areas of the church used during the service.

Before each service and after each service, our SETUP / SACRISTANS TEAM (led by Mary Sue Kegl) prepare the church and vessels as required for the particular service. At the conclusion of each service, this team cleans and disinfects the sanctuary and all books vessels and furniture used for the service.

All of these volunteers are here to make your visit, your return to church as easy, prayerful and as safe as possible; but WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Each Mass, baptism, funeral, confession, and prayer service requires many more volunteers than pre-Covid days. As the parish adds more masses and services and allows for more attendees at these services, the number of volunteers needed has increased.

Please consider becoming a volunteer.

**TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE EMAIL
REOPENING@STCLETUSPARISH.COM**

Sunday Notes



EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it.

Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

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THE FOUNDATION

Wisdom is the foundation, and justice the work without which a foundation cannot stand.

—St. Ambrose

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29;
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18;
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Thursday: St. Josaphat

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

November 13

Burly longshoremen glared at the woman in widow's dress who interrupted their drinking to beg money, in broken English, for her orphanage. The bar exploded in laughter as one man responded by spitting in her face. "That was for me," the woman smiled. "Do you have anything for the children?" Given today's national debate, could it be as much God's sense of humor as God's will for our sanctification that our first American saint should be an immigrant and naturalized citizen? Frances Cabrini, adopting the name Xavier, confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the Pope replied, "Not East—*West!*" So she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart exchanged exotic dreams of China for the impoverished reality of Italian ghettos across the United States and Central and South America. Before her death, Frances had founded seventy educational, health care, child, and family service institutions. Today, from Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries, Mother Cabrini's sisters and lay associates embody her practical spirituality: "Let's get to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"

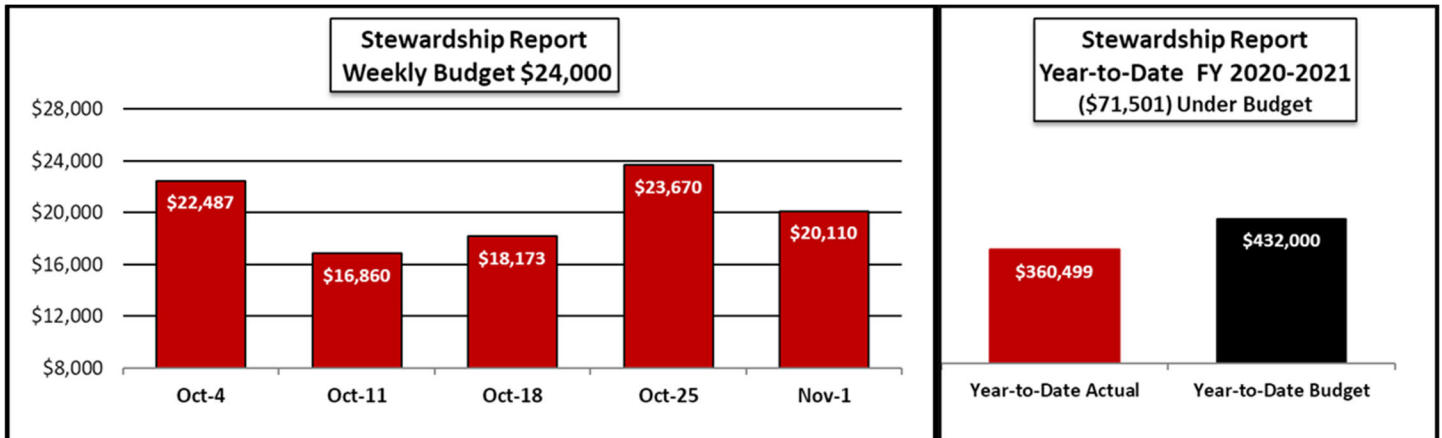
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GOD'S WILL

Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse the work.
Your will be done.

—St. Martin of Tours

Stewardship Report



Sunday Readings

READING 1

Wis 6:12–16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

I will remember you upon my couch,
and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:
You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READING 2

1 Thes 4:13–14

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL


Mt 25:1–13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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