

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— ISAIAH 60:1



They opened
THEIR
TREASURES
AND OFFERED
HIM GIFTS
of gold,
FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.
MATTHEW 2:11

THE
EPIPHANY
of the LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

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Mass Intentions for January 3 - 9, 2021

Day	Time	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
January 3	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Benedict Dybas
January 4	8:00am	Fr. Baker	Robert & Rosalie Kruse
January 5	8:00am	Fr. Baker	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 6	8:00am	Fr. Baker	St. Cletus Parishioners
January 7	8:00am	Fr. Costello	Frank Wojcik
January 8	5:00pm	Fr. Costello	JJ Farrell, Efrena Aranas, Reynold Aranas, Santos Aranas, Special Intentions of CCW Members
January 9	7:15am 8:45am 10:30am 12:30pm	Fr. Costello Fr. Romero Fr. Baker Fr. Romero	Benedict Dybas, Jack Weier, Kathy Boucher, Richard Gomez Rose Haddad, Wanda Knapp Mike O'Connell, Ann Marie Nabor St. Cletus Parishioners

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.

December - Gerda E. Dorso, Steve Hubona, Edward Kwak, Nora McKeehan, Tom Murray

November - Joseph Busta, John Duda, Sandra Eckrich, Howard Eggert, Marlene Heyes, Joan Klemak, Marian Mozden, Patricia Rodey, Jean Tomazin

October - Catherine Cosgrove, Mary Depasquale, Laurie Stewart, Laura Terrazino, Ed Kuchta, Frank Niwa, Joanna Polanski, Gladys Vaci, Tom Valenti, Patrick Wingert

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

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

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ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**

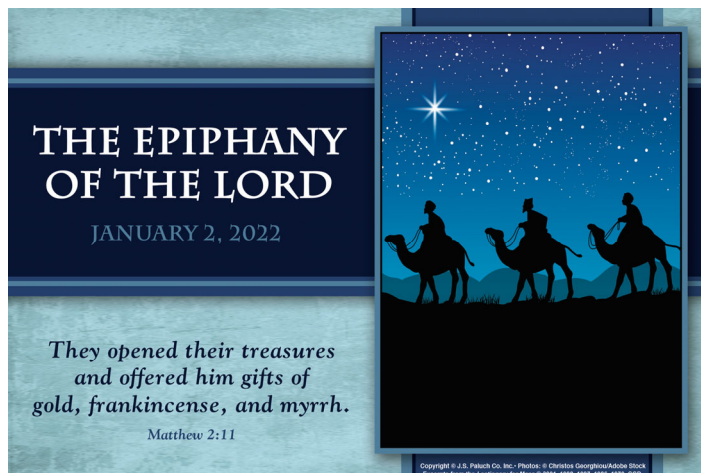


Masks are required indoors for all clergy, staff, volunteers and parishioners inside archdiocesan facilities in Suburban Cook County and in the City of Chicago, including Masses, liturgies and all activities/events within our parishes.

RECEPTION FOR FR. KEN

Please plan to join us after the Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass on January 15 for a reception for Fr. Ken Baker. Registration is required and can be found on our website, www.stcletusparish.com.

Fr. Ken will also be available on Sunday, January 16th, in the Parish Center, to say goodbye following each of the Sunday masses.



Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

We are all here together to hear the word of God.

The reality of our situation is God speaks clearly but we can't hear clearly.

We have heard the concerns from all of you for a very long time.

It is our intent to act as fast as possible to eliminate the sound system deficiencies.

Consequently, we have sought and received expert advice, formed a dedicated committee, consulted with the Parish Finance Council, and the Archdiocese. Multiple quotes have been fully vetted, and now we are ready to take the next right step.

The total cost of the project is \$110,000. The full scope of the project includes complete replacement of the audio system components and increased speaker coverage for optimized sound delivery to you.

We also will be installing three permanently mounted video cameras to enable and enhance live streaming capability for Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

Towards this end I need your help and generosity in raising the necessary funds to make our dream a reality.

If you feel inspired to contribute immediately, please make your checks payable to St. Cletus Parish specifying "sound system" in the memo line, or alternatively visit our parish website (www.stcletusparish.com) to make an electronic donation.

In addition, over the next several weeks you can place donations in the collection basket, bring them or mail them to the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Elmer Romero
Pastor

Celebrating Fr. Ken Baker

Fr. Ken’s ten years of ministry at St. Cletus will be wrapping up shortly and Fr. Elmer along with the parish staff are planning an appropriate farewell the weekend of January 15 and 16. Many of us are already bidding Fr. Ken our best wishes in person after Masses and perhaps in a written note as well. It is always a challenge to offer one particular time to have a gathering, so we have planned a reception with a short program, after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, January 15, which will be Fr. Ken’s last Mass in our parish.

Given our space limitations in the gym and the continued public health concerns at this time, we have set up a Sign-Up Genius on the parish website, www.steletusparish.com, for parishioners to use in reserving a spot at the reception after the Saturday Vigil Mass on January 15. The limited gym space will require a reservation for entry and will help us gauge all that is necessary for the evening. Thank you for understanding this limitation.

Fr. Ken will also be available after all the Masses on Sunday, January 16 in the parish center where we will have coffee available for all who can come by that day.

We will need some able-bodied volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up, as well as helping with checking guests in, and with refreshment stations for the Saturday evening reception. Please use this Sign-Up Genius on our parish website to volunteer for this event. Thank you for your help!

Thank you for helping us create a joyous time of farewell for our beloved priest, Fr. Ken Baker.

Photos from the St. Cletus School Christmas Concerts



St. Cletus School

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From our St. Cletus Family to yours, we wish you a very blessed New Year!



THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES

Thank you to all of the school families who supported St. Cletus School Alumni and Fenwick Junior, Elisabeth Braun, with donations to the Our Lady of the Angels Mission. Sister Stephanie was very grateful and stated she never had one individual raise so many donations!



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 
INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Get Ready to Donate on Dec. 1! Illinois Letter ID Drive

You can support Catholic education by donating to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program! If you are a new donor, who would love to take advantage of a tax credit but don't know where to start, we can help you get started and take advantage of the 2-for-1 Matching Gift Program.

By following the step-by-step instructions below, you can initiate your donation by first applying for your Illinois Letter ID. Obtaining a Letter ID is the first step. Once your request is received by the state, it takes about a week to receive your Letter ID via the USPS.

Be ready on Dec. 1 to take advantage of the 2-for-1 matching opportunity! Your support will help provide access to a high quality, faith-based education for thousands of Illinois students.

Step-by-step instructions on how to obtain your Letter ID can be found by going to schools.archchicago.org/donating-to-a-tax-credit-scholarship and selecting "Begin the Process."

"YOUR GENEROSITY HAS PUT MY ENTIRE FAMILY AND I AT EASE KNOWING THAT MY SON IS GETTING THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE."

—Parent, St. John Berchmans School

Ready to get your Letter ID?
Visit mytax.illinois.gov today to start!

If you have any questions, please contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Hotline at 312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org. You can also visit archchicago.org/tcs for more information.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Request your Letter ID in 3 easy steps

If you are a first-time donor, here is what you need to know about the first step of the donation process. If you have not activated an account with the Illinois Department of Revenue, you need to request a **Letter ID**.

Step 1
Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to REQUEST LETTER ID

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the "Individuals" box on the left.

Step 2
Click on "Request a Letter ID."

Step 3
Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
- Most recent adjusted gross income
- IL driver's license number
- IL state identification number

Click "Submit" and enter; confirm your email address; then click "OK" to submit and receive your confirmation.

You will receive your Letter ID in the mail at the address on your last year's tax return within 7-10 business days. Call 312.534.2617 or email investinkids@archchicago.org with questions.

Once you've received your Letter ID, wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation when the 2-for-1 Matching Program begins. Please view bit.ly/DonationSteps2021 to find detailed instructions on how to continue with your donation after Dec. 1. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to select a specific school to support tax credit scholarship donations.

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM
CHURCH PARKING LOT**

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:

Thank you so much for your generous donations! We are blessed to have many, many holiday food drives going on right now to support the pantry. Please consider holding food donations until the new year.

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

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

March for Life Chicago
January 8, 2022

In 2020, 9,000 pro-lifers stood up for life! Now the largest pro-life event in the Midwest, they are preparing for over 10,000 marchers back in downtown Chicago January 7-9, 2022. Check out Marchforlifechicago.org for all details, events, speakers, and locations!



GIVING TREE PHOTOS



Ministerio de Justicia Social

MINISTERIO RESPETO A LA VIDA

Marcha por la vida Chicago

Enero 8, 2022

En el 2020, 9,000 manifestantes Pro Vida, se pusieron de pie por la vida! Ahora el más grande evento Pro Vida del medio oeste, se están preparando con más de 10,000 manifestantes que regresaran al centro de Chicago, Enero 7-9, 2022. Pueden verlo en Marchforlifechicago.org para más detalles, eventos, oradores y ubicaciones!



DEPÓSITO DE COMIDA DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CLETO JUEVES 6-8PM

Lista de deseos para la despensa de comida: Muchas gracias por sus generosas donaciones! Teneos la bendición de tener muchas, muchas campañas de recolección de alimentos, que se están haciendo ahora mismo para apoyar la despensa de comida. Por favor considere guardar las donaciones de comida hasta el próximo año.

Siganos en Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Siganos en Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

Si tiene preguntas o quiere ser voluntario en nuestro ministerio de Justicia Social contacte a Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com



Religious Education



CHRISTMAS – JUST A DAY OR A SEASON?

It is important to remember that in the Catholic Church, Christmas is far more than a day...it is a liturgical season! The following is an excerpt from a writing by Joe Paprocki of Loyola Press. I think he does a wonderful job of explaining how the season of Christmas is intricately linked to our Catholic identity.

The celebration of Christmas is unabashedly Catholic. Catholic identity is characterized by five traits that are integral to the Christmas story, and Christmas can help us to strengthen our Catholic identity.

1. **Sense of Sacramentality** – Sacraments are signs, tangible realities that point to the intangible mystery of God’s grace. Christmas celebrates Jesus as the “sacrament of God” – the Word become flesh. In Jesus, the divine becomes tangible. In the Eucharist, we continue to encounter the Word made flesh in a very real way.
2. **A Commitment to Community** – Why is it that at Christmas, we go to such great lengths to bring family together? Because we are inherently communal. Catholicism, at its core, is Trinitarian, meaning that we believe in the communal nature of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – one God, three Persons. In light of this, Catholicism is not a “me and God” experience, but an experience of finding God in all people. Christmas reminds us of our duty to reconcile broken relationships so that we can be truly communal, thus reflecting the image of God.
3. **Respect for the Dignity of Human Life and Commitment to Justice** – Catholicism is Incarnational, meaning that God became human in Jesus. In doing so, God brought divine dignity to the human

condition. We believe that every human being deserves that which respects his/her dignity. Christmas is a time when we renew our commitment to care for the poor, beginning by recognizing their human dignity. This is a year-round commitment, not a token holiday gesture.

4. **A Reverence for Tradition** – Few celebrations are as steeped in tradition as Christmas. Catholics believe that God reveals himself to us in Scripture and in Tradition. We allow the traditions of the past to speak to the present and to point us confidently to the future. Like Ebenezer Scrooge who vowed, “I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the past, the present, and the future. The Spirits of all three shall strive within me,” we too allow the traditions of the past to speak to the present and point us confidently to the future.
5. **A Disposition to Faith and Hope, Not Despair** – As we mark the darkest day of the calendar year, our Advent wreaths are shining brightly with all four candles lit – a sign that the light of Christ dispels the darkness of our lives. We Catholics are a people of hope and joy. This joy is fueled by the realization that God loves us so much that he gave us his only Son, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. This worldview calls us to be evangelizers, eagerly proclaiming the good news of Jesus to others in word and deed. The joy of Christmas is a joy that we are called to carry with us year-round!

As we continue through our Christmas season in the Church and prepare to start a new calendar year, may we be reminded to honor the joy and hope of Christmas all year, and renew our strength to be evangelizers in this world.

Youth Ministry

CHURCH LEAGUE IS BACK AND GOING STRONG!

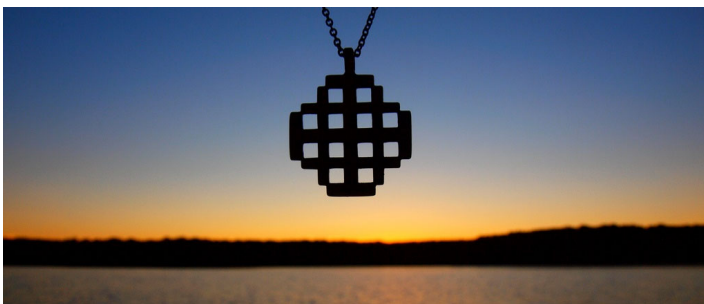
Church League Basketball for boys is back and stronger than ever! Our teams are all doing well, with three games behind them as we entered the Christmas break. Our Freshman/Sophomore team is in the lower-mid point of their division, our Junior team is doing well and is placed firmly in the middle of the division standings, and our Senior team is undefeated thus far placing them in the top 5 of their division. The most important thing is that all of the teams are having fun! We look forward to resuming practices this week, and beginning to host games at St. Cletus during January and February!



Pictured are members of our Freshmen/Sophomore Team after a recent win!

KAIROS

Over the next three days, teens from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross will be attending a Kairos retreat at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien. Please keep these teens in your prayers today, and pray that they all have a true encounter with Jesus during their retreat. We have worked very hard to bring this life-changing retreat back after two years of restrictions that left us unable to offer it. We are so blessed to be able to offer this retreat once again!



ALL TEEN EVENTS

All Teen and Grade Level Events will resume again after the Winter Break. Join us for our January 9 ALL TEEN NIGHT following 5 p.m. Mass at St. John of the Cross Parish, 6-7:30 p.m. in the SJC Parish Center. We will share a meal (Chick Fil-A), share our faith and share our time and talent doing service for others.

We continue to follow Archdiocesan and IDPH COVID-19 Guidelines: Masks are required indoors.

All Teens of the parish are invited to attend! Use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040c4ea5ac2ba3f85-allteen1>



Sunday Notes

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MATTHEW 2:11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday: St. John Neumann
Thursday: St. André Bessette
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday
Julian Calendar Christmas

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime
glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

Ministry News

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes will be hosting a Confirmation prep program for any adult Catholic who has received First Holy Communion, but not the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is open to all parishioners at St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes.

Sessions will be held on Wednesday nights on Zoom, January 5, January 12, January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9, and February 16. We will meet on Zoom from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration is required. Please use this link to sign up: <https://stcletusparish.com/learn/adultconfirmation/> For more information, please contact Barb Campbell at St. Cletus (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) or Steve Weigand at St. John of the Cross (sweigand@stjohnofthecrossparish.com).

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FATHER'S CLUB



SAVE THE DATE!!!

1st Annual Father's Club Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, March 11th @ 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center

All Parishioners and their families and friends are welcome!

Please contact Jim Ludden at (630) 880-2415 if you are interested in helping out!

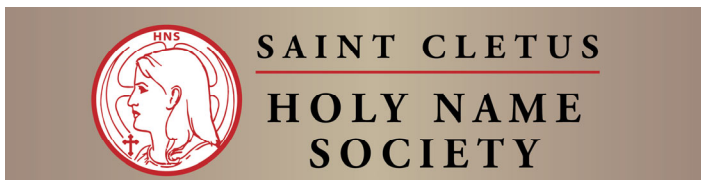
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the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

We hope you will choose St. Cletus Church. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING 1/7



The Holy Name will not have a meeting on January 7th. Please say tuned for information on February 4th meeting .

PARISH LAUNCHES MOBILE APP

We are excited to announce the release of a new mobile app for Android and iOS. The app is a new and effective way for the parish to communicate with you and for you to stay connected. We've included prayer resources including Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Mass Readings, the Order of the Mass, Sunday Reading Reflections, the Bible, the Catechism, a digital rosary and on and on. It is also packed with educational resources, parish events, mass schedules, and photo capture tools. Best of all, we can alert you of extra special happenings and cancellations via the app's push notifications system.

Search for St. Cletus Parish in your app store or find direct links on the home page of our website at <https://stcletusparish.com>.

Questions or feedback? Email us at itservices@stcletusparish.com.



Community News

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register/find out about more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Thursday, Jan 6, 7—8 PM Facilitators: Kathy Sherman CSJ, Well Staff

On this feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of God's presence and profound love among us. In gratitude for who you are we will be offering this program of music and expressions of thanksgiving as a gift to you. Please join us for this free gathering.

REVISITING AND EXTENDING *BRIDGING THE DIVIDES, TENDING THE GAP* CONFERENCE

**Five Tuesdays, Jan 11—Feb 8, 12:30—2 PM
Facilitators: Pat Bergen CSJ, Leslie Ritter-Jenkins**

Do the divisions in this country cause your heart to ache, your blood pressure to rise, or leave you feeling helpless? Did you attend our *Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gaps* Conference and want to enter more deeply into the content of our presenters? Did you miss the event, but are drawn to experience some part of it? All are welcome to join! \$15/session.

FLOURISHING: JOURNEYING INTO WHOLENESS WITH POETS IN THEIR WISDOM YEARS

**One-day Retreat, Saturday, Jan 15, 8AM—2 PM
Facilitator: Mark S. Burrows**

This retreat draws on poems that invite us to live into a healthier wholeness and cultivate the deep longings of our hearts. Together we will explore the wisdom found in the later poems of Mary Oliver, Stanley Kunitz, Denise Levertov, William Stafford, and W. S. Merwin, among others. \$60.

FLOURISH WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 13 9-11AM SJC PARISH CENTER

All women of St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes are invited to join the Flourish Women's Bible Study group as we begin two studies this winter/spring. Our 5-session winter study will be A Biblical Walk Through the Mass and our 5-session spring study will be No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, both written by Dr. Edward Sri. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating

tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. As the study guides you through the last hours of Christ's life, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

The group will meet twice a month on Thursdays from 9-11am in the SJC Parish Center beginning January 13. Cost per study is \$14.99-\$26.95 plus shipping. Interested in one or both studies? Please email Beth Korenchan at bkorenchan@comcast.net with your study choices and whether you plan to order study materials with the group or on your own. Deadline if ordering with the group is Wednesday, January 5. We hope you will join us!

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Bending Towards the Light: Jazz Nativity Concert. It was wonderful to bring live entertainment back to St. Cletus. We are eager to continue that momentum and excited to announce three additional musical events this season.

First, our annual "Cabaret" evening is well known by many - we are excited to welcome back Tony Kidonakis as we turn this space into a dueling pianos venue. This is our single fundraiser for the season, and we hope that many of you will join us on Friday, February 4th.

Next, on Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 pm, we will present "Sing!" Join us for an afternoon of songs you love to sing along with! From folk to pop, rock to jazz and more - this concert will be led by faces familiar to the Fine Arts Series and will encourage not just enjoying and appreciating the music, but singing along from the audience too!

Finally, on Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 pm you can experience "A Tribute to Stephen Sondheim." Join some of the area's finest vocalists and instrumentalists as we share an afternoon of songs by arguably one of the greatest composers and lyricists in recent history. You are sure to find songs that are familiar - and you may learn some lesser known Sondheim pieces. Both "Sing" and the tribute concert are free of charge.

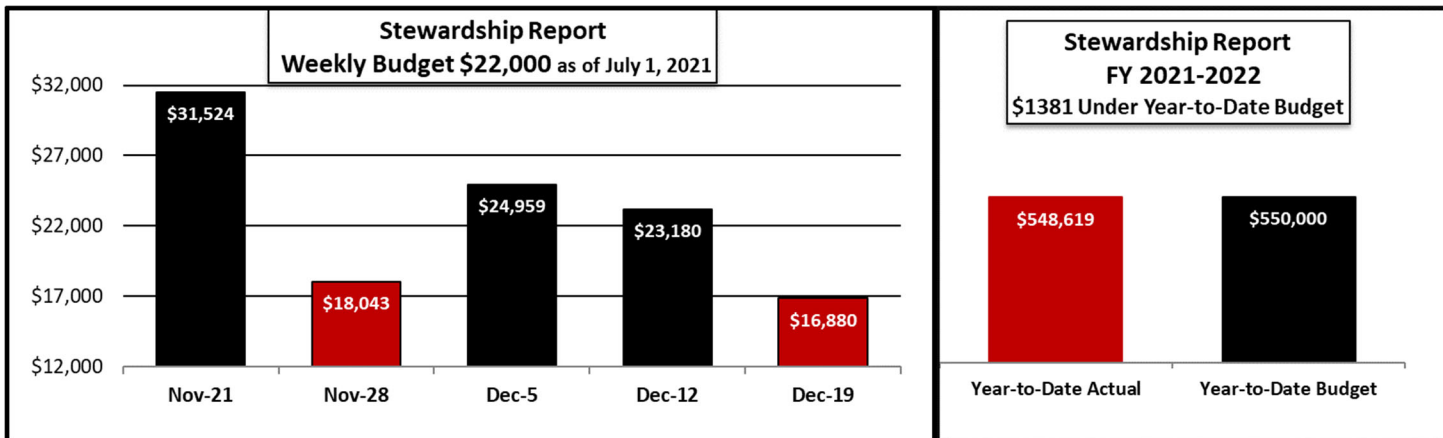
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to early printing of the Canticle, the December 26, 2021 Giving Report will be published in the January 9 Canticle.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



Religious give thanks. A sister writes, “Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible.” Thank you for supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. St. Cletus Parish donated \$5126.65 during our December collections. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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 stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON (pictured to the right). Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, contact Jim Dion at jdion@stcletusparish.com or 708.352.6209.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 2			
Monday, January 3			
Tuesday, January 4	7:00pm	Church	Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, January 5	7:30pm	Parish Center Gym	Church League Practice
Thursday, January 6	7:30pm	School Music Room	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 7			
Saturday, January 8	8:30am 4:00pm	Church Parish Center Gym	Confessions 8:30-9:15am Church League Games
Sunday, January 9			

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
Weekdays..... Mon. thru Fri. 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements at (708) 352-6209.

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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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