

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



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Ken Baker **& FRIENDS**

presents

HEART & MUSIC

Saturday, October 14th 7 p.m.
Sunday, October 15th 4 p.m.

HEART & MUSIC

Songs of the heart, for the heart, from the heart

**St. Cletus Parish Center
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL**

No tickets are required for these performances but we do ask that you please RSVP on our website.



Mass Intentions for the Week of October 16 - October 22, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John J. Kurland, Italo Quagliani, Louis Emil Klopner, Stanley Marciniak
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Harry, Sandy, & John Fisher, Sheila & Peter Santori, Carol Calkins, Henrietta Marciniak
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Kim Zwolinski, Kathleen Marciniak
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Martha Tylinski, Catherine Perz
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise Jr, John McGrath, Frances Grybas, Joseph Perz
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John Perz
	Fr. Clark	5:00 p.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Kathryn Wilson, Josephine Markutis, Maveety Family, Stella & Felix Gembala
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Thomas Wolac, Stacy Baker, George Duda, Pearl Zatloukal, Fred Estrella, Mary & John Harmon
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Maria Luna, William & Marian Pavlecic, Stanley Kuzmierz
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, Alfred Mozdzen, Filomena & Nick Panico, Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Jason Osmolak
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Correa	12:30 p.m.	Jose Penuela



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

Renee Olano

Joyce Kuszik Nappi

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.

September

Fernando Cabral, Charles (Chuck) Hardwood, Connie Monzel, Jeanine Rapp, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe

August

Carol Wittowksi

July

Ann Smith-Walls, Frank Colonna, Diane O'Rourke, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Catherine Troyner, Frank Colonna, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorzo, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Peter May, Frank Niwa

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Anabel Rose Roberts

Daughter of Maria Santoyo & Thomas Roberts

Harvey Thomas Stratman

Son of Cara Moran & Mark Stratman

Brady Arthur Sweeney

Son of Jennifer Sanger & Brendan Sweeney

Justin Vujica

Son of Evelyn Klinowska & Jake Vujica

Alexandar Leslie Murray

Son of Andrea Hjelm & Paul Murray

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Scientists in London have reconstructed the face of an Egyptian priestess who died 3,000 years ago. Using state-of-the-art scanning and imaging techniques on the mummified remains of the woman, her weight, size, height and even appearance can be estimated – an astonishing feat, considering the age of the mummy. We know she was 5 feet tall, that her teeth were in good condition, and even that she would have fitted a size 8 dress! Her name, spelled out in hieroglyphics on her tomb in Luxor, was Tjentymentenheb.

This Egyptian woman from long ago achieved, after a fashion, what she hoped for – immortality. Buried with food to nourish her on her journey to the afterlife, perhaps with servants to attend her, and with plentiful treasure so that she might lack nothing as she journeyed, she was laid to rest for millennia.

We all live with the hope of immortality. We may not have the material resources available to our Egyptian priestess, indeed our beliefs would make such elaborate material preparations seem irrelevant, but we do hope to live for ever with the Lord. How do we attain this immortality? How do we respond to God's invitation to us? Should we be complacent?

Isaiah's vision of God's kingdom is of abundance, joy and peace, all the gifts of the Lord. He describes the reign of God using familiar, tangible images, and we can easily grasp what Isaiah describes. It is an immortality that immediately appeals. But Isaiah does not simply describe: he teaches. On the day when we attain the kingdom, we will recognize the Lord's goodness and truly rejoice. For Isaiah, the good things that make up the kingdom are inseparable from the presence of the Lord: "...for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain".

St. Paul takes a similar approach. For him, the presence of God is everything – strength, life and salvation. And like Isaiah, his vision of God's kingdom, a gift of the generous God, leads him to give glory to God. Is the vision of Isaiah and Paul the same as that of Jesus?

Today's gospel reading is admonitory. Jesus describes our invitation to God's kingdom, while warning of the dangers of taking it for granted. The kingdom is like a wedding feast, an image of the kingdom used frequently by Jesus. But here the emphasis is not on abundance or on celebration. It is on accepting the invitation so generously extended by God. And here is the warning: immortality, or at least a blissful immortality, is by no means guaranteed. "Many are called," he says, "but few are chosen."

Let's look more closely at this parable. Firstly, it is to the chief priests and elders, those who perhaps would be most complacent about their own inclusion in God's kingdom. Complacency, to Jesus, is a true enemy of the soul. The first response of those who are invited is to ignore the invitation. The repeated invitation is unambiguous; those invited are compelled to respond this time, and their response is to seize, maltreat and finally kill the servants of the King. The message

of
Jesus is clear.

To refuse the invitation of God can put us in the position of enemies of the kingdom. Ignoring the message is not satisfactory at all.

In the final part of the parable, we see that the invitation of the King is then extended more widely than before, because the original guests refused to attend. But those who do attend are careful to make preparations. Again, complacency is intolerable. The guest who turns up at the king's feast is under-dressed, and unprepared, is cast out into the Darkness. Many are called, some respond, and of those who respond, not all take seriously the nature of the feast.

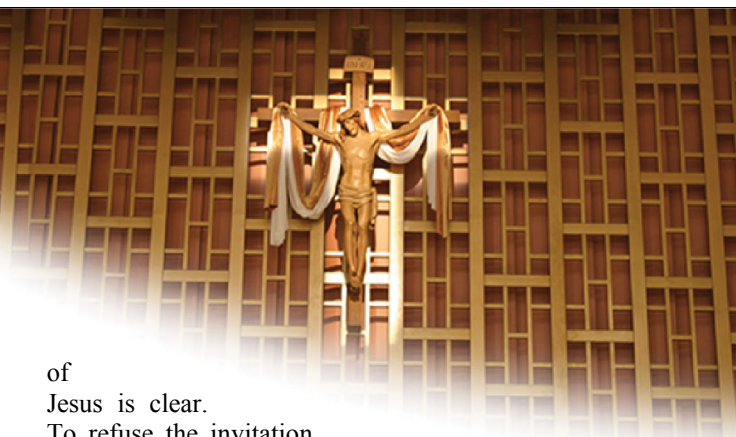
We cannot afford to take lightly our destiny, in this world or the next. To do so is to neglect the whole purpose of our life. Complacency is truly the enemy of our soul, because we are treating lightly what should be treated most seriously of all: our eternal happiness. If there is a hell for us or for anyone else, it is a hell of isolation that we have constructed for ourselves and for each other. And God's constant invitation is an ever-present lifeline to a world of peace and joy.

It is said by dream analysts that each person in our dreams represents an aspect of ourselves; so too in the parables of Jesus. We are the invited guests who choose not to attend; we are those who do not prepare for the feast; and we are those who accept eagerly, prepare, and enjoy the feast. With these possibilities clearly before us, and with God's help, how could we choose ill? Three thousand years ago, the Egyptians were taking seriously the business of the afterlife with painstaking care. We can do no less for ourselves, in Christ.

An invited guest,



Fr. Bob, Pastor



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Choose Kindness 5K October 21
 Living Rosary at 2pm October 24
 School Mass at 9am November 1

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
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Academic Bowl

Congratulations to the St. Cletus Academic Bowl team for a strong showing at the 2017 Brother Rice Academic Bowl competition. The team successfully answered a variety of questions on topics ranging from math, science and civics to sports and Brother Rice trivia. They participated in a team round, as well as an individual assessment of their academic prowess.

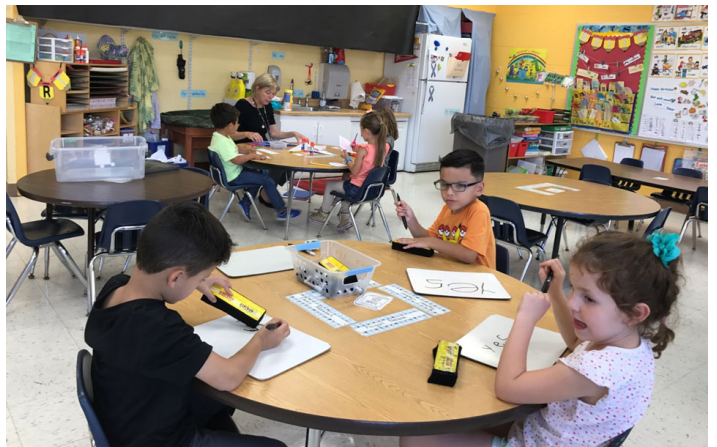
Apple Time

Our preschoolers had a week filled with apples, friends, and family. In addition to apple based crafts we had fun using apples in our science and math lessons. For science we learned about parts of an apple and its life cycle. We also experimented to see if an apple will sink or float. For Math we polled the class and graphed our favorite types of apples.



Cup Tower Challenge

Students in our 3rd grade class took a break from learning at their desks to work in small groups at different science inspired challenges. These students are challenged with building the tallest tower they can out of cups. At first, students felt overwhelmed and unsure of what to do, but they were able to quickly figure things out with the support of their classmates.



Learning Centers

This week our Kindergarteners experienced learning centers. Learning centers allow children to play and explore their environment. Our kindergarten students rotate through eight centers across two rooms both in the morning and afternoon every day. It is a part of the day to which they look forward.

Youth Ministry

REGISTER NOW FOR FRETUS IDENTITY RETREAT

This year, St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross will all combine efforts to offer a retreat to all freshmen and sophomores ! This retreat takes place January 12-14th, 2018 and is sure to be a fun-filled time of games and outdoor winter fun as well as a time of deep reflection and connection with peers to allow teens to become more aware of the way God is working in their lives ! Registration is now available on the parish website.

CHURCH LEAGUE REGISTRATION OPEN



Church League basketball allows high school students to play competitive basketball against other area churches. Registration for boys' teams is OPEN, and forms can be found on the parish website.

Each team needs two coaches who establish full compliance with Protecting God's Children. We are still in need of a few coaches, and all parents will be asked to serve a shift as gym supervisor during the game season. Teams will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Boys can NOT play Church League if they are playing for a school team.

STILL TIME FOR THE CROP WALK

The annual CROP walk takes place on Sunday, October 15th at 1 pm to support the food pantries of LaGrange, Western Springs, and Brookfield. All area churches will work together to raise awareness and funds to support the hungry. Bring your friends and join us as we walk to raise awareness about those who who hungry and raise funds to support the hungry both locally and globally. Contact Elizabeth for registration details!

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to help assemble the tags for this year's Giving Tree Project. This is a great service opportunity for all ages, from junior high on up to older adults. Younger students are welcome with a parent. We will be working on Tuesday, October 17, in Room 201 in the Education building, from 3:15-6:00 PM. Please sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094cacac2ea2fc1-giving> or contact Kendall (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) with any questions.

(RE) ENCOUNTER ON OCTOBER 20

Join together with thousands of fellow young adults at UIC Pavilion for an event that will remind you that you are not alone in your faith! Discover how you can live your dream and have an active faith life.

Invite your friends, Catholics and non-Catholics, for a night filled with live music, laughter, and meaningful conversations. Connect with friends and make new ones. Let our thought-provoking speakers inspire you. And prayerfully worship our God with the community gathered.

Emcees for the evening will be Fr. Brad Zamora, a priest of the archdiocese and Director of Liturgy at University of St. Mary of the Lake, and Dina Bair, award-winning reporter and anchor of the WGN Midday News.

We are excited to announce that Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will be hosting a number of special guests at (re) ENCOUNTER! He will join Mark Wahlberg, renowned actor, producer, father, husband, and businessman, on stage for a discussion on the importance of repentance and rebirth, how Mr. Wahlberg discovered truth through his own reconciliation in the Catholic faith, and the role the Bible and Jesus Christ play in his everyday life.

Purchase tickets at <http://www.cvent.com/d/v5qyg7>

Special Guests include: Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Mark Wahlberg, Sr. Bethany Madonna of the Sisters of Life, Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ, Vice Director of the Vatican Observatory, Joe Melendrez, DJ

When: Friday, October 20

Doors open at 6 p.m., Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

Where: UIC Pavilion, 525 South Racine Avenue, Chicago, IL 60607

(re)ENCOUNTER
Young Adult Faith Night



Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Cereal
- Soups
- Chili, Stew
- Canned Meats
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Boxed Sides

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.

Please note that the Saint Cletus Food Pantry can only accept food items. We can not accept clothing or other household items.

GIVING TREE

As we approach Christmas, there will be many volunteer opportunities, such as the one featured below, as we prepare for this event. Also, both Gift and Food Basket Request tags will be available for you on the trees in church on November 11-12. Please watch the Canticle and the parish website for further details!

Volunteer Opportunities

Make Tags: Volunteers needed to help assemble the tags for this year's Giving Tree Project. This is a great service opportunity for all ages, from junior high on up to older adults. We will be working on Tuesday, October 17, in Room 201 in the Education building, from 3:15-6:00pm. Enter the building at the apple door/#2. Please contact me to let me know if you can help or with any questions. Sign up here, under Advent Giving Tree: <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/>

Hang Tags: Volunteers are needed to help hang the tags on the Christmas trees Friday, November 10th from 3:15-4pm in Church. All ages welcome, students 5th grade and younger require a parent. Sign up here: <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/>

THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Over the weekend of September 30-October 1 we held a special collection for the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul society. If you missed this message or would still like to donate, checks can be made out to "St. Cletus SVDP" and dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference offers one-time financial assistance as we are able, to help people get through their immediate crisis. Our volunteers, as they go into the homes of those requesting aid, provide not only monetary assistance, but also hope and the realization that God works through others to answer their basic needs. We work together with other community Agencies and organizations through referrals to provide guidance and assistance over the long term...to get people back on the right track.

Won't you join us in being a caring instrument of God's compassion and love? Thank you for your prayers and for your generous support.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE


Don't Look Away: How to Respond to Troubled Relationships

Tuesday, October 24 from 7-8:30 pm.

The Domestic Violence Prevention Ministry of St. Mary Parish in Riverside is gathering multiple co-sponsors, including St. Cletus, for a west suburban forum on responding to troubled relationships. Our objectives include:

heightening awareness of available resources for individuals in challenging relationships; educating and enabling the community to respond to these health and safety issues; and providing sponsors with an opportunity to share their commitment

DON'T LOOK AWAY:
HOW TO RESPOND TO TROUBLED RELATIONSHIPS



SPANISH TRANSLATION
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
DV@STMARYRIVERSIDE.ORG

WHEN I CALL FOR HELP - A PASTORAL RESPONSE
IT'S A HEALTH ISSUE!
WHY DO THEY STAY?
WHAT CAN I DO?
IS THE LAW ON MY SIDE?

NORTH RIVERSIDE COMMONS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
7-8:30 PM
2401 DES PLAINES AVE.
NORTH RIVERSIDE, IL

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

and involvement in promoting relationship safety. Presenters include Charles Dahm, OP, Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach; Miriam Ramirez, RN, MacNeal Hospital Trauma Coordinator; and Kathleen Detwiler, MD, a community physician.



**Remember My Story.
Remember My Name.**

Silent Witness Survivor Speak Out

Friday, October 27th from 7-9pm

St. Cletus Parish Center, Fr. Gallagher Meeting Room

At the Silent Witness/Survivor Speak Out:

- Survivors can share their stories.
- Community members can express support.
- Everyone can view our Silent Witness Exhibit and learn about local domestic violence services.

All attendees are welcome to share their story, a song, or a poem about their experience during the open forum. We all deserve to have our voices heard and to be safe from domestic violence. Note: This event is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. Suggested donation of a non-perishable food item.



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
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

*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 above. **You are not alone.***

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Transition Boot Camp-Last week

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, October 17, 7-9 pm at The First Baptist Church of La Grange. For our final Boot Camp session, a panel of HR professionals will provide phone and onsite interviewing techniques to help get the job you want and answer any and all questions about the process. For further information, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com

Listen and Learn From a Panel of Recruiters

ICN invites you to join us on Thursday, October 19, 7-9 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Learn what recruiters look for when they search for candidates. Our panel will offer their insights and advice on how job seekers can improve their chances of being selected for an interview. Learn "what to do" and "what not to do" from a recruiter's perspective when you are applying for a job. Our panel will tell you their views on a follow-up call after you've submitted a resume; or when you haven't heard from them following an interview. Come with your questions and get the insider's view on the interview process.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

WORD OF LIFE

“We must listen to God, who speaks to us. Having a well-formed conscience doesn't mean we have all the answers to the complex problems in the world, but it does mean that we are sensitive to the needs and struggles of other people.”



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Understanding Conscience,” www.goo.gl/fc6bMA

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

BE NOT Afraid

USCCB.ORG/RESPECTLIFE

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St. Cletus Choose Kindness 5K Run



Saturday, October 21, 2017

100 Yard Dash

7:45 a.m. Open to children age 7 and under.

1 Mile Run

Immediately following 100 Yard Dash. Open to children age 11 and under.

5K Run/Walk

8:15 a.m. Race open to all runners and walkers.

Race starts and ends on Waiola Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets.

Registration

For more information and to register go to www.stcletusschool.com.

\$15 entry fee for each race before October 19; \$20 after.



Potluck

Come join us!
ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK
Saturday, October 21st, 6:00 p.m.
in the new St. Cletus Parish Center

Our Second Parish Family Potluck is next Saturday after 5pm Mass. We are expecting people from all aspects of the parish to participate; a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and put a name to that face who sits down the pew from you. Singles, couples, families with children, ALL are invited to attend this event.

We will provide the main dish (chicken) but we'd like you to bring your favorite side and join us for an evening of good food and friendship; an informal gathering to acquaint and re-acquaint yourself with fellow parishioners. So that The Potluck Crew knows how many to plan for, **deadline for reservations is this Sunday, October 15th.**

If you have a dish that is a family favorite, a recipe that was handed down from grandma, or your reliable "company's coming" meal, please bring it to share. If you are "culinary challenged" there are other items you could bring to round out the potluck; just ask for a suggestion. Questions or concerns? Please contact The Potluck Crew at: 708-246-5509 or stcletuspotluck@gmail.com.

NOTE: Your food (enough to serve 8-10 people) may be delivered to Morrissey Hall after 4:30 p.m. on the 21st. It should be "ready to serve" (especially hot foods), in containers that are disposable or clearly marked with your name. That day, please provide a brief description of your dish and include ingredients which may induce allergic reactions (i.e. nuts, shell fish, onion/garlic, etc.)

Please respond with the following information by:

- Placing your response in one of the boxes located in the narthex
- Dropping off your information at the Rectory before noon Monday morning
- Sending your information via email to: stcletuspotluck@gmail.com

St. Cletus Parish Family Potluck Reservation Information

NAME(S) OF ALL ATTENDING: _____

CONTACT INFO: EMAIL _____ TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE INDICATE SPECIFICALLY WHAT YOU WILL BE BRINGING TO SHARE:

___ SALAD (TOSSED GREEN, PASTA, FRUIT, ETC.): _____

___ VEGGIE SIDE DISH: _____

___ DESSERT: _____ OTHER: _____

___ GLUTEN FREE: _____

Other Ministry Notes

INVITATION FROM DEACON CASAS

Join us for an Hour of Prayer:
«Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction
with the Holy Sacrament»
Every Tuesday of the Month

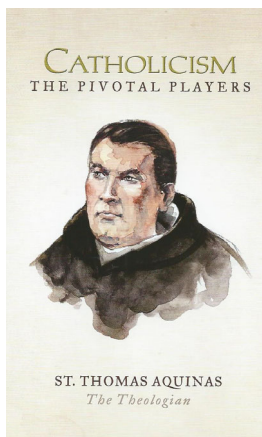
Come to the “Holy Hour” from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

After the “Holy Hour” you are invited to pray with us during
“La Hora Santa en Español”

“Hora Santa” todos los Martes de 7:00 a 8:00 p.m.
«Meditación, Rosario y Bendición con el Santísimo»

During Respect Life Month, we pray especially for the
dignity of LIFE.

CREDO - PIVOTAL PLAYERS



The second influential person in Bishop Robert Barron’s *Pivotal Players* is St. Thomas Aquinas. We will hear about the huge contributions St. Thomas made to the Church and the Western culture.

We will meet Wednesday, October 18 at 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it. Please use the side doors of the school next to the church.

There is no charge to attend, nor will there be registration.

CREDO FILM NIGHT



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 Wednesday, October 25 - 7pm

CREDO (Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities)

MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL



Come and join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Blessings, Fr. Lorenzo

MISSION LADIES

Mission Ladies are now starting up with their Mission work after a long time off. In 6 more weeks or so will be distributing our home made items to the different Charities. We are still in need of yarn and fabric. As for yarn we mainly need yellow, red, brown, black and white. Other colors can also be used. Mission Ladies are NO longer accepting Stuffed Animals (small or big) so please do not leave any at the rectory or the Ushers Room. New members are welcome to join our Mission Ladies - no talent is needed. For more info - please call - Dolores Scaletta - 708-839-9605

AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2018 FILING SEASON

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in your community?

The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2018 filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member nor 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, 2018. 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 is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. To volunteer, visit: www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or call parishioner John Wagner, at 708-352-0170.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Sunday Notes

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalms — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel — I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque;
National Boss's Day

Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Wednesday: St. Luke

Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues,
and Companions

Friday: St. Paul of the Cross

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgical commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the *Directory for Masses with Children* was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language—not Latin, but French and German—then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced.

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YOUR ACTIONS COUNT

Knowledge may give weight, but accomplishments give luster, and many more people see than weigh.

—Earl of Chesterfield

GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

—St. Paul of the Cross

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
—Philippians 4:13



Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN

Joyful Again! Program for Widowed Men and Women

Treasuring memories of your loved one, but needing to heal and move into the future?



There will be a retreat/workshop:

October 28 & 29, 2017 - Batavia

November 11 & 12, 2017- Lemont

Incls. overnight and meals.

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 708-354-7211

joyfulagain7211@gmail.com www.joyfulagain.org

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Seasons of Hope Grief Support

Monday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Oct 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21

Register online at www.stjohnofthecross.org

Disclaimer: 'Seasons of Hope' and 'Divorce and Beyond' support groups are not intended to provide or replace professional counseling or individual therapy.

Information is also available in the St. Cletus Narthex.

St. John of the Cross Parish Center - 5005 Wolf Rd. Western Springs



ANNUAL MASS SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES, FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Mental illnesses, such as depression, bi-polar disease, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and others touch one in four families. The Mass is for all affected and those who are interested in helping. The Mass will start at 2:00 p.m. on October 15th at St. Gertrude Church, 1400 West Granville, Chicago (6200 North, and 4 blocks west of Broadway at Granville and Glenwood.) Refreshments and conversation will follow Mass. For more information: Contact Faith & Fellowship 708-383 9276/ email: faith_fellowship@hotmail.com Sponsored by: Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness/ Office for Persons with Disabilities and Faith and Fellowship

CRAFT SHOW & BAKE SALE

You are invited to attend the La Grange Highlands Woman's Club 23rd Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale - proceeds to benefit their charity of the year, Interfaith

Community Partners.

Saturday, November 18, 2017, 9 am to 3 pm

La Grange Highlands School, 1850 Plainfield Road La Grange Highlands, IL

Free Admission. Lunch and beverages at the Cafe! Great Raffle prizes including Split-the-Pot! Homemade goodies!

FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Fenwick High School Open House is Sunday, October 22nd 2017 from 1-3pm at 505 Washington Blvd, Oak Park, IL 60302

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Open House for Junior High Girls will be on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017. Tours will begin at 9am. Trinity is located at 7574 W. Division Street in River Forest. For more information, please call 708-453-9374.

Centennial Celebration Mass - Sunday November 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Trinity High School Auditorium. Seating is limited. Reservations are held at the door. Please register online at www.trinityhs.org/100. R.S.V.P. by October 26, 2017

NAZARETH ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Prospective students and families are encouraged to Discover Nazareth at an Open House. Visit on Thursday, October 19, 2017, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., with a presentation starting at 7 p.m., or Sunday, November 5, 2017, between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., with presentations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park. Contact Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505.

MOUNT CARMEL H.S. OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 29 or November 19, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at 6410 South Dante Avenue in Chicago. For more information contact Mr. Bill Nolan, at 773-324-1020, ext. 265 or bnolan@mchs.org.

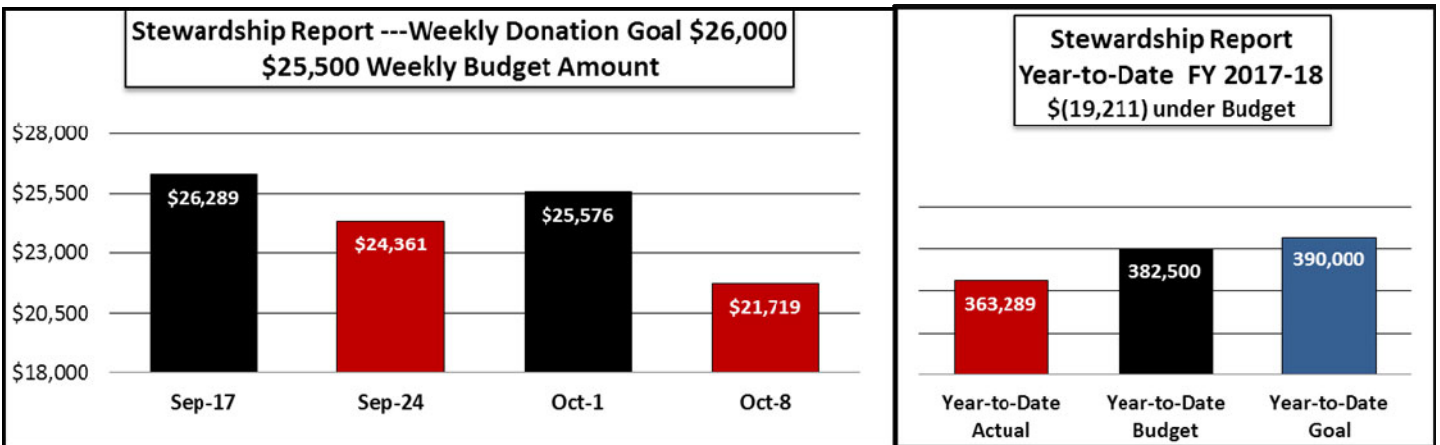
BUNCO PARTY FUNDRAISER

October 15 2:30-4:30 pm at St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Avenue in Brookfield. Ticket Donation \$5 advance and \$6 at door. Men and women over 21 are welcome. Try your luck at Split-the-Pot and Split-the-Deck for ca\$h prizes. Call Dolores at 708-334-2117 for tickets. Proceeds help support the St. Barbara's Food Pantry and other sponsored programs.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 15	7:00am 12:00pm 4:00pm	Narthex School Rm 202 Parish Center Stage	Rosary Table KAIROS Meeting Fr. Ken and Friends Performance
Monday, October 16	4:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, October 17	3:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	School Rm 201 Church Parish Center Rm 1 Rectory Basement Church Morrissey Hall School Rm 202	Giving Tree Tag Making, Volunteer Opportunity Holy Hour, English RCIA School Board Hora Santa, Español 1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting Council of Catholic Women Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 18	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Rm 1 School Rm 98	Mission Ladies CREDO
Thursday, October 19	5:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 20	3:00pm	Parish Center	St. Cletus Choose Kindness 5K Race Packet Pick Up
Saturday, October 21	8:00am 7:00pm 6:00pm	Parish Grounds Parish Center	St. Cletus Choose Kindness 5K Parish Family Potluck
Sunday, October 22	12:00pm	School Rm 200	KAIROS Meeting

Stewardship Report



Preferred Providers




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Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Holy Hour each Tuesday 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hispanic Adoration continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

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

Vision Statement: We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Clark, *Pastor*
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