

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Dear Lord,
for all your
bountiful gifts,
we thank you*

*Estimado señor
le agradecemos
todos sus regalos
generosos*

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of November 20 - November 26, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Sam Ceriale, Joshua Swibel, Frances Grybas, Chester & Anne Koziol, Mary C. Lipson
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Lydia Duske, Helen Borsilli, George H. Burns Jr.
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Kadlec Family, Kim Zwolinski, Joseph & Kay Klemak, William P. Burns
Thursday	Fr. Clark	9:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Helen Callaghan, Martin J. Detmer, Florence C. Weincek, Michael A. Wiencek, Albert Wiencek, Laura Wiencek
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Wolac, Kathleen Kay Selfridge, Ed & Sue Stec 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Doretta Mucha
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Naponiello, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Linda Heinrich, Dennis Gabriel, Helen Callaghan, Dr Gerald Loftus
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Dolores Kuchta, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, George Duda, John Zumpano
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Henry & Anna Pleszka, Ted Szlezak, Al & Agnes Hinton
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Marguerite Keating, Gene Kennedy, Frank Skrip Sr, Elliott Zavislak-Barry, Wayne Zavislak, Mary & Joseph Tortorello
	Fr. Kub	12:30 p.m.	Juan Manuel, Guadalupe, Angel, Jose Miguel, Nenita, Teresa, Tony, and Elizabeth Montenegro Family

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

Catherine Troyner

May she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

Next weekend there will be a second collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. Mass.

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 - Anne Bermier, Millie Billenstein, Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Isabel McKeehan, Eileen R. Peters, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley

October - Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfig, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso

September - Connie Monzel, Jeanine Rapp, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowksi, Frank Colonna, 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.

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 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Notes from Fr. Bob...

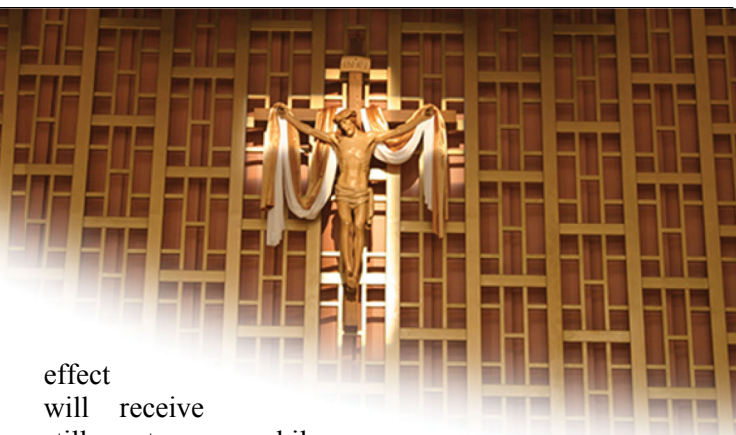
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Some years ago an elderly woman was being interviewed on television. All her adult life, she explained, she had spent as a nurse. “Tell me,” the interviewer asked, “If you could have just one wish, what would it be?” To his astonishment and, I imagine, that of millions of viewers, she replied: “To meet our Lord and hear him say that he thinks I did a good job for him”.

A surprising reply, yet, on reflection, just the sort of reply you might expect from a Christian. After all on the day when we have to give an account of our stewardship, there is only one question that will really matter: “Have I made a success of my life on earth? Have I served the Lord well?” We’re perhaps tempted to think that if only we knew just when that day would be, we’d be ready for it. Paul insists that the day and the hour are hidden; admittedly, what he has in mind is “the Lord’s day”, the end of the world when the Lord will come again; but his words are equally relevant to the day of our death, the day when the world will end for us. It’s shrouded in mystery; no-one can say when it will come – the Lord may arrive as unexpectedly as a burglar – and yet, says Paul, if we live wisely, like “children of light”, then we won’t be caught out.

Fundamentally, then, Paul’s is a positive and encouraging message and so too is the message of the other two readings. In the gospel our Lord has a parable for us. It’s the story of a wealthy man who, just before going abroad, gathers three of his servants and entrusts to each a number of talents. Incidentally, in the parable the word “talents” does not mean personal skills but rather silver coins, money; in fact a talent was a considerable sum of money, a small treasure. The one who had received five talents and the other, who had received two, both traded well and in fact doubled their treasure. But the servant who had but one talent became paralyzed with fear and simply hid the money; he was playing for safety, or so he thought. His master thought differently; on his return, there was a handsome reward for the first two wise, industrious servants, but withdrawal of his one talent, and punishment too, for the third, lazy, fear-racked servant. You may have noticed in the first reading also that the “perfect wife”, as she is called, wins praise because she is wise and industrious because she uses her gifts well.

The moral could hardly be clearer: this life is enormously important, for what we make of it will decide our future: in the Kingdom of God, the disciple who responds fully to the gifts God has given him or her and uses them to good



effect
will receive
still greater ones, while
disciples too fearful or lazy to make
any efforts will lose everything they thought they had.

It’s easy for us to think that because we may not have much in the way of talents and gifts we’re not very important. However, in the gospel, the servant who came to grief did so not because he had only one talent but because he didn’t use it. The fact is that each one of us, however meager our gifts may seem, has a vital role in God’s plan. The idea is neatly conveyed in a prayer by Fr. Michel Quoist, called “The Brick”. A bricklayer is at work; the first brick is laid on its bed of cement, others follow, slowly the building rises tall and strong. “I thought, Lord, of that brick,” says the prayer, “buried in the darkness at the base of the big building. No one sees it, yet it accomplishes its task, and the other bricks need it. Lord, what difference whether I am at the roof-top or in the foundation of your building, as long as I stand faithfully at the right place?”

So long as we are genuinely trying to love and serve the Lord in the lowly events of life, we need not be overwhelmed with fear of rejection. On the contrary, if we are faithful in trying, we can be humbly confident that at death the Lord himself will greet us with those most glorious words: “Well done, you’ve been faithful in small things, come and join in your Master’s happiness.”

With Love for All,



Fr. Bob, Pastor

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Fair.....November 19-21
 Thanksgiving BreakNovember 22-24
 Vendor Fair December 2

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Service Field Trip

Our third-graders recently visited Feed My Starving Children to hand-pack meals that have been formulated for malnourished children. The organization then ships the meals to distribution partners around the world. It was a fun way to do a small part to helping children around the world. Thank you to Feed My Starving Children for providing such a great a fulfilling opportunity for our students.

St. Cletus students are provided many opportunities to serve God through their prayers and acts of kindness toward others. Students help with the St. Cletus Food Pantry as well as organize food drives and other events to benefit the community at large throughout the year.

In this time of Thanksgiving, we count our blessings and we are thankful for the many opportunities to share our gifts.

**ST. CLETUS SCHOOL
 FSA
 ANNUAL BOOK FAIR
 NOVEMBER 19-21**

Anderson's Bookfair Company

Get Caught Reading!

- November 19th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- November 20th 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- November 21st 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come find some new good books for yourself or get a heads up on Christmas shopping at the St. Cletus Book Fair. Books are available for adults and children!

The proceeds from the book fair goes directly to the St. Cletus School Library. Everyone is welcome!



St. Rita's Andrew Smialek Award

Congratulations to Nicholas Pociask, 8th grader, who received the Andrew Smialek Award at St. Rita's High School. This is an award given to select 8th graders in recognition of their leadership skills. Congratulations Nicholas!

Notes from Fr. Bob

2017 THANKSGIVING GREETINGS

This coming Thursday family and friends will gather once again to offer thanks to God for the many blessings we have received over this past year. The St. Cletus parish family has much to be thankful for this year. We completed and dedicated our new parish center and it is already being utilized each day. We have almost 100 ministry areas that are growing and thriving. We have solid enrollment in both our parish school and in our religious education programs. These are but a few of the many things we have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day.

Please come and join us this Thursday morning November 23rd to begin this special day by first offering thanks at the table of the Lord for all the blessings we have received during this past year. Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 9:00am.

I would like to personally thank all our dedicated parishioners who faithfully support the work of the gospel in our parish. We could not accomplish all that we do without the dedication, commitment, and loving support of each of you. I awake daily and have over the past 12 years given thanks to God for each and every one of you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that Our Lord continues to bless, watch over, guide, and protect each of you with his love and compassion.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Parish on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. Mass.



ANNOUNCING SOME PARISH STAFF CHANGES

You may have noticed a few staff changes lately:

- Our Music Director Larry LaLonde has moved on and our new director is Karen Ziemba. We wish Larry success in all his future endeavors and welcome and thank Karen for her passionate commitment to this important ministry.
- Our Youth Minister Elizabeth Tomasek will be moving to Indiana with her family at the end of November and we are currently looking for a replacement.
- We welcome a new Assistant to our Religious Education Department who is Deborah Pusinelli. Deborah comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge in this important ministry.
- Our Director of Hispanic Ministry Deacon Jesus Casa has decided to move on to new endeavors. We want to thank Deacon Jesus for his commitment and dedication in this ministry for the past 10 years and wish him nothing but success in the future.
- Fr. Lorenzo Gamboa will be our new Director of Hispanic Ministry. We thank him for his willingness to serve and take on this added responsibility.

We wish well and success to all who are leaving and welcome all our new staff members.

We have always been extremely blessed with excellent servants of the gospel and ministry within our parish community.

Thanks and Blessings Always,

Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

Youth Ministry

KAIROS 27



The first weekend of November, nearly 60 teens and a handful of adult volunteers journeyed together for a Kairos retreat. Teens from area churches came together for an amazing experience of prayer and growth, led by both teen and adult volunteers. It was an incredible group of people who shared openly their experiences of God in their lives, and it was clear that God was working in and through each person present. A special thank you to the adult volunteers from our St. Cletus Parish, including Dale Czarny, Henry Morlock, and Andy Balch. Please continue to pray for all who participated in the retreat as they courageously try to continue their faith journeys with the energy and vigor they had while on retreat.

BEDS PLUS LUNCHES: SERVICE PROJECT

Come on Wednesday, November 29th to help prepare sack lunches for clients at BEDS Plus! Visit with friends as you work to fulfill a true need in your local community. This event will take place in the Parish Center at 7 pm. Please RSVP to etomasek@stcletusparish.com.

GIVING TREE



Save the date for Dec 10th and join your friends to work together as part of the St. Cletus Giving Tree! Stay tuned for details!

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TRANSITIONS

It is with a full heart that I share with the St. Cletus community that I will be leaving St. Cletus this month. My husband, Mike, and I are moving with our four children to Indiana. A great amount of prayer and discernment went into this decision, though it was not an easy one. This relocation to the South Bend area will provide abundant opportunities for our family, and may allow me to fulfill my dream of earning a Master of Divinity degree in order to better serve the Church.

It certainly is bittersweet to leave the St. Cletus community. I have felt blessed since I joined the staff here nearly three years ago. The St. Cletus staff are fully dedicated to the parish mission and the mission of the Church at large, and it has been a privilege to work along side them. There is a vibrant parish life here that gives energy to the surrounding communities. I have been truly blessed to work with ministry volunteers who understand the importance of teen faith ministry and share my passion for serving with high school teens. And I have been deeply touched by both the adult volunteers and the teen participants and leaders in all areas of youth ministry; I have been forever changed as a result of these relationships and experiences.

When I began my work at St. Cletus, I had many hopes and goals for growth in youth ministry to serve the parish needs. While there is still much work to be done, I am honored to have been part of the ministry team here. And I trust that because of the dedication of the staff and the parish, amazing fruits will continue to blossom from the efforts of St. Cletus Youth Ministry. Thank you all for your support, and please know the people and needs of St. Cletus Parish will always be in my prayers.

Blessings now and always,

Elizabeth Tomasek

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Sunday Notes

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Cecilia
Thursday: St. Clement I, St. Columban;
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro;
Thanksgiving Day
Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria;
Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

USING TALENTS

If we use God's talents, we shall find that they become multiplied in the use. We thought we had two; we find we have five.

—Richard Meux Benson

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Dried pinto beans
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Healthy snacks
- Cereal
- Boxed sides
- Crackers
- Pancake mix
- Meals in a can
- \$25 Jewel Gift Cards

Thank You

The teens from Western Springs Christian Reformed Church joined us last weekend to help sort the Harvest collection from St John of the Cross! We're so grateful for the partnership we have with our area churches. Thank you!

There will be no regular distribution in December because of the Giving Tree and Christmas food baskets. Donations are still needed and will continue to be collected though!

GIVING TREE

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped write and hang tags this week! We couldn't do it without you!

The branches of our Giving Trees are still holding many opportunities for you to reach out during this special, holy season, to lend a helping hand to someone less fortunate in our community.



Please remember, each tag represents a real person. When you take a tag from the tree, you are making a commitment to that person, and to returning your gift(s) on time.

♥ **PURPLE TAGS** (gifts): Choose the gifts you wish to purchase, keeping in mind that the items listed on the tag are part of a "wish list." You need not purchase every item on the list. **Gifts are to be returned before/after Masses the weekend of December 9-10. **NEW THIS YEAR** Gifts will be returned to Morrissey Hall using the convenient drop off lane on Stone Ave.!**

♥ **RED TAGS** (food baskets): Tags include a suggested list for the contents of a Christmas season food basket for the families using our food pantry and others struggling in our community. **Food baskets are needed on Sunday, December 17th from 7:30-11:00am in Morrissey Hall.**

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

The Giving Tree Committee

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns. For further details you can also contact Kendall Grant.

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All Parish Families are invited to get involved as volunteers for the St. Cletus Parish Giving Tree.

Please use the sign up genius link to volunteer for all opportunities: <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/>



Friday, December 8th from 4:15-5

Help set up Morrissey Hall for Giving Tree gift collection.

Saturday, December 9th shifts between 3:30-6:30pm

Help direct traffic, carry in donations from donor's cars, sort and organize gifts in Morrissey Hall.

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

Sunday, December 10th shifts between 6:30am-4pm:

Help with hospitality, direct traffic, carry in donations from donor’s cars, sort and organize gifts in Morrissey Hall, load gifts to bring to St. Agatha’s.

Sunday, December 17th shifts between 6:30am-6:30pm: Help with hospitality, directing traffic, carrying in food basket donations, organizing food baskets, distributing gifts, assisting clients to their vehicles, clean up, etc.

Please use the Sign Up Genius link on our website to volunteer and read the notes on age requirements.

Contact Kendall Grant with any questions. Thanks!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

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

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418 for more information.

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



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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

interfaith
community partners Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 85 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such

as the grocery store, bank, and church. We also take our clients with disabilities to their places of employment. There is no cost to our clients, and we rely solely on private donations, grants, special events, and church support for funding. **And we need you! Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver.** Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an information packet, visit us on the web at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org, and like us on Facebook. Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

WORD OF LIFE

“Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative—it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives.”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Chair
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
2017 Respect Life Month Statement

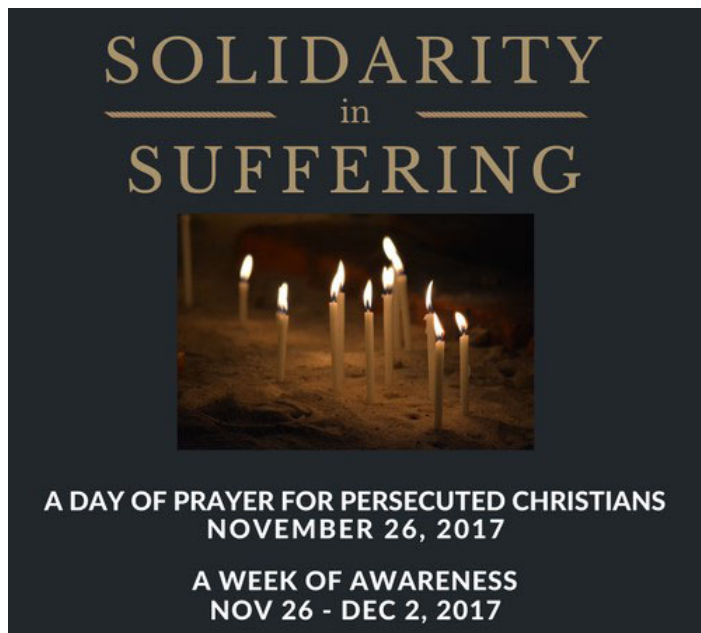


SOLIDARITY IN SUFFERING

We must not resign ourselves to thinking of a Middle East without Christians, who for 2,000 years have confessed the name of Jesus, and have been fully integrated as citizens into the social, cultural and religious life of the nations to which they belong."

-Pope Francis, 21 November 2013

Join USCCB, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Relief Services, Aid to the Church in Need, and CNEWA on November 26th, the Solemnity of Christ the King, for a Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians.



SOLIDARITY
in
SUFFERING

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
NOVEMBER 26, 2017

A WEEK OF AWARENESS
NOV 26 - DEC 2, 2017

Other Ministry Notes

MASS OF ANOINTING 11/25



Saturday Nov. 25 at 11:00 a.m. this most Holy Sacrament will be offered for the sick of the parish and community.

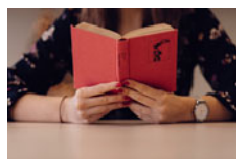
All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the mass - if you plan on attending please email Deacon Stuart @ sheyes@stcletusparish.com, leave a message at 708.215.5407 or a note at the rectory asap.

AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2018 FILING SEASON



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, call parishioner John Wagner, at 708-352-0170 visit the AARP Tax Aide website: www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on December 12 in Room 102 of the education building. The book that will be discussed is **The Good Girl** by Mary Kubica. All are welcome.

For those who like to plan ahead, here is the book list for the next few months:

February 13 – *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly

April 10 – *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ushers – Ministers of Hospitality -greet and assist parishioners, take up collections

Lectors – Proclaimers of the Word

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – Assist with the distribution of the Eucharist

Altar Servers – Assist the priest at Mass

Learn more about serving in any of these roles. Schedules and training are flexible. Contact Paulette Bolton at 708.215.5422 or e-mail pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

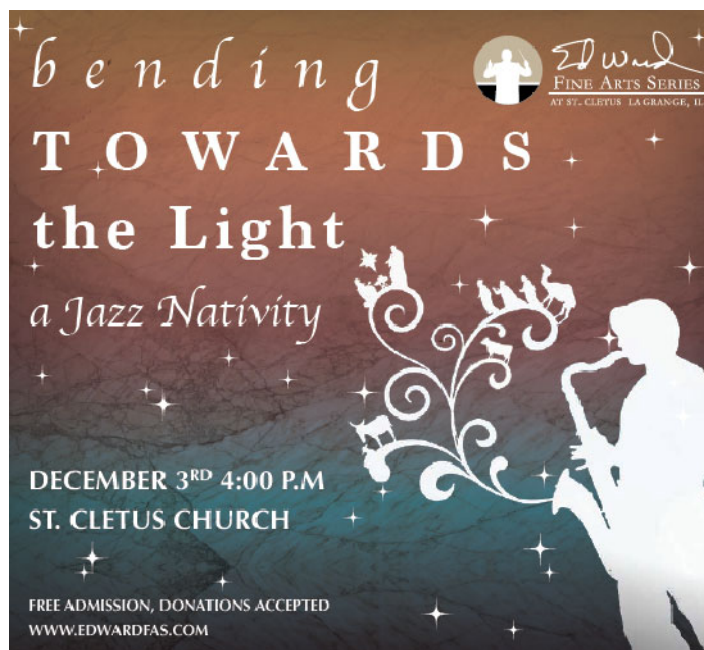
Don't miss the return of *Bending Towards the Light*, a Jazz Nativity to St. Cletus Church. This year's concert will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in St. Cletus Church.

St. Cletus Parish has hosted this wonderful concert in 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2015. We are blessed to host these amazing jazz musicians again this year.

Admission is free, a free will offering will be collected. Thank you to all of our Ed Ward Fine Arts Series sponsors who make concerts like this one possible.

Bending Towards the Light: A Jazz Nativity

Featuring: Kirk Garrison, Bobby Lewis, Bobby Schiff, Jerry Coleman, Larry Gray, Ken Jandes, Andy Tecson, Emma Bolam, Kecia Waldschmidt, Gayle Bisesi, Nico Rubio, Tim Coffman, members of the St. Cletus Parish Choirs, and Justin Sisul, Conductor.



GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME



Wedding Ministry

Remember (a short or not so short while ago) when you walked down the aisle???

Our parish Wedding Ministry is looking for a few folks who would like to join them in celebrating this joyous sacrament. Help with wedding rehearsals and the actual wedding service is needed. It involves pairing with another minister and walking the bridal party through the wedding rehearsal (about 45min.-1hr. usually the evening before the wedding) and then setting up and being present to assist the day of the wedding (about 1½-2 hrs.). Simple training is provided including a binder with guidelines and instructions. Familiarizing the wedding party with the order of service helps allay some of the anxiousness they might have for this happy event. Since weddings are scheduled throughout the year, your service is based on your availability.

Please consider being a part of this joyful ministry.

Contact Paulette Bolton for more info at 708.215.5422 or pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

ST. CLETUS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23/ 24

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am (Spanish Mass)

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

2:00pm Church Chamber Ensemble

2:15pm Parish Center Gym Cantor/Piano

3:30pm Church Children’s Choir

3:45pm Parish Center Gym Cantor/Piano

5:30pm Church Chamber Ensemble

7:00pm Church (Spanish) Hispanic Choir

10:30pm Church Chancel Choir

(10:00pm to 10:30pm Christmas Carols prior to Mass)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

7:00am Church Organ/Congregational Caroling

8:00am Church Cantor/Piano

9:30am Church Chancel Choir

11:00am Church Contemporary Choir

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – Dec. 30/31

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God/New Year’s Day: Monday January 1, 2018

8:00am ONLY

[NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION]

SCCCW



Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings & events:

Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast

HO HO Holiday Breakfast with Santa Join us on December 10th as our new parish center is transformed into a holiday wonderland; plan now to join us!

- Continental Breakfast
- Crafts for Children
- Special Appearance by Santa
- Old-Fashioned Cake Walk.

\$3 per person. Response cards are available in the Narthex or reply to: ccw@stcletusparish.com (Please include your family name, number of adults and ages of children attending.)

Reservations requested by December 6th; however, walk-ins will be welcomed!

For more information call Donna at 708-246-5509. Sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women and the St. Cletus School FSA

SCCCW's 1st Anniversary Celebration!

Tuesday, January 9th GENERAL MEETING 7:00 pm - Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate friendships made and our many accomplishments! All women ages 18 - 118 are invited!



Community Bulletin Board

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM

On December 2, 2017 local Catholic High Schools will hold their placement exams. Please register to take the exam with the individual high school.

COMBONI MISSIONARIES OF LA GRANGE PARK

Celebrating Their 150th Anniversary as a Congregation!

51st Annual Dinner Dance Honoring Rose Mary Ranallo on Saturday, November 25th, 2017 at 6:30 in the evening at Porretta's Banquets Chicago, Illinois

Cocktails, Dinner, Entertainment & Dancing, Cash Raffle, Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets. \$75 Donation per Dinner Ticket. Please call 708.354.1999 for tickets or more information

All proceeds to benefit the work of the Comboni Missionaries, both in the Chicagoland area, and around the world.

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

SAVE THE DATE! Township of Lyons 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside Board of Trustees & AARP present Defensive Driving for 50 & Over Tuesday, December 5 and Wednesday, December 6 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost: AARP member \$15, non-member \$20. Class Completion earns auto insurance discount! Class size limited to 35. Sign up with Mary Jo Noonan, Clerk 708-482-8300 x 221

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGH SCHOOL

IC Entrance Exam Workshop - Thursday November 30 at 6:30 p.m. Register online TODAY at www.ICCatholicPrep.org. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Nikki Kanzia at 630.530.3484 or nkanzia@iccatholicprep.org.

ST. RITA HIGH SCHOOL

December Novena to St. Rita of Cascia - Healing Mass
St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, Dec, 7th at 7p.m. This will also be a Healing Mass and a blessing will take place with Blessed St. Rita Oil. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6p.m.

"A Christmas Carol" - The St. Rita High School Theater is excited to announce their winter production of "A Christmas Carol," a play based on the classic novel by Charles Dickens. Performances will be Friday, Dec. 8th & Saturday, Dec. 9th at 7:00p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00p.m. in the St. Rita High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for children and \$8 for adults and can be purchased at the door.

For more information please call (773) 925-6600 or visit www.stritahs.com. St. Rita of Cascia High School 7740 S. Western Ave. Chicago, IL 60620.

ROSARY HILL HOME

The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. They, too, witnessed division, scandal, immorality, persecution and other trials. In response, St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the Church as the Body of Christ, introducing them to the most powerful gift of all: the Eucharist. You are invited to join Rosary Hill Home for this study!

Rosary Hill Home will be hosting First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community Bible study in Activity Room beginning Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and continuing every Monday, except January 29th, for 10 weeks. Last session Monday March 19, 2018. Cost of study pack includes group meetings and on-line additional lesson viewing options is \$30.00.

For more information or to register for the study, call Sharon at (708) 458-3040 or via email: sharon@rosaryhill.com. Please register by December 4, 2017!

Rosary Hill is located at 9000 W. 81st Street Justice, IL 60458.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

LOSS Program for Children and Youth

The Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program for Children and Youth continues to meet with bereaved children and adolescents who have lost a loved one to suicide. This specialized grief support program provides individual counseling and group support for child and teen survivors. Counseling is offered in various **Chicagoland** locations. The program has no cost and is always tailored to fit the child and family's grief support needs. For more information, or to do an intake, contact (312) 655-7284.

Catholic Charities Free Newspaper for Seniors

Did you know Catholic Charities has a free newspaper just for senior citizens? Keenager News is published 10 times a year and is delivered to your door. This publication contains news, opinion, human interest, how-to, and travel articles, along with humor, puzzles, and recipes. To sign up to receive Keenager News, email keenager@catholiccharities.net or call (312) 655-7425.

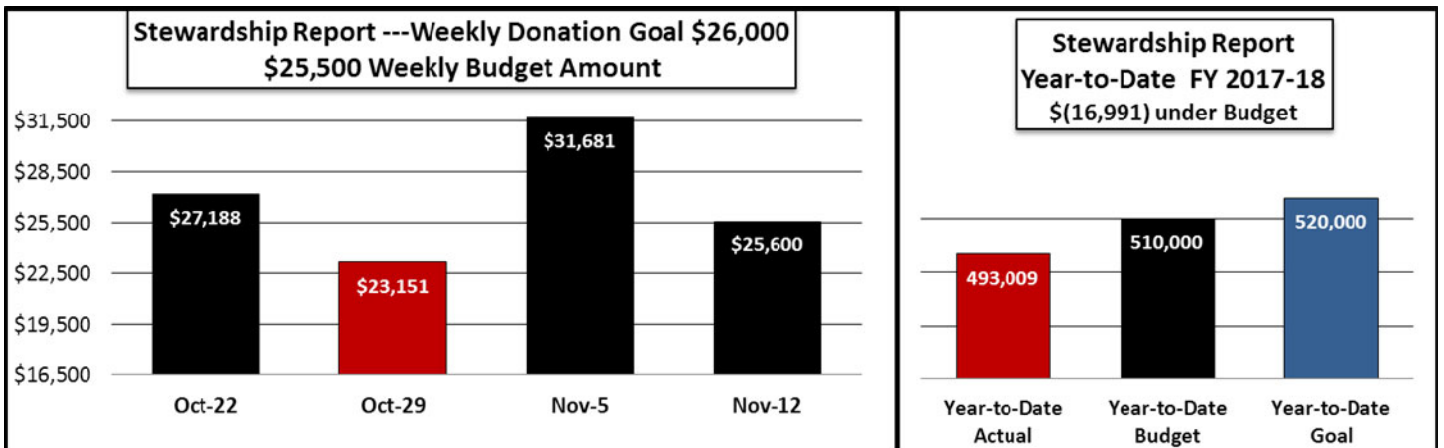
Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer? Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for volunteers to serve throughout our more than 150 locations helping improve the lives of the people we serve. For more information, visit us at www.volunteerbridge.com, or call the Volunteer Relations department at (312) 655-7322.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 19	7:00am 7:00am 9:00am 1:00pm	Narthex Front Lawn Morrissey Hall Front Lawn	Giving Tree Cub Scout Wreath Sale Book Fair Holy Name Society Turkey Raffle Distribution
Monday, November 20	8:00am 8:00am 9:00am	Parish Center Morrissey Hall Church	Cardinal Cupich Strategic Planning Book Fair Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Tuesday, November 21	8:00am 6:30pm 9:00pm	Morrissey Hall Rectory Parish Center Gym	Book Fair RCIA Boys Church League
Wednesday, November 22	8:00am		Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Thursday, November 23	9:00am	Church	Thanksgiving Mass - Facilities Closed after 9am Mass
Friday, November 24	8:00am		Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Saturday, November 25	11:00am 5:00pm	Church Narthex	Anointing Mass Giving Tree
Sunday, November 26	7:00am 3:00pm	Narthex Front Lawn	Giving Tree Cub Scout/Girl Scout Tree Trimming

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Donate Online *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.

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST


Our 2017 Fall Fest raised over \$110,000! Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

We have already begun working on our 2018 Fall Fest and we hope to see you September 6-9, 2018.



St. Cletus Parish Information

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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.

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