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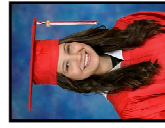
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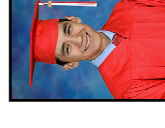
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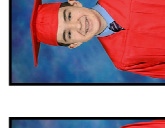
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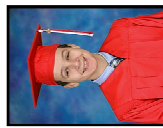
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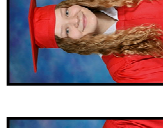
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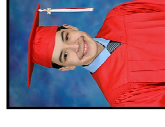
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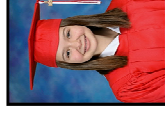
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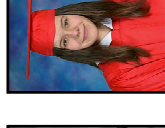
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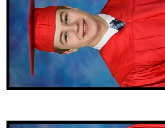
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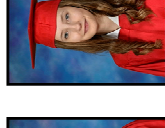
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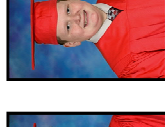
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Class of 2020

Mass Intentions for June 1 - 7, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
June 1	Fr. Baker	Roberta & Michael Saban and Family
June 2	Fr. Gamboa	Fr. Jim Johnston
June 3	Fr. Gamboa	Virginia Rachford
June 4	Fr. Clark	St. Cletus Parishioners
June 5	Fr. Baker	Frank Wojcik, John McTigue, Richard Gomez
June 6	Fr. Clark	Stella & Felix Gembala
June 7	Fr. Gamboa	Gary Fials, Patrick Mahoney, Richard Gomez, John & Frances Kennedy, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, George Duda, Stacy Baker, Margaret and Elizabeth Pirman

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.

May - Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa

April - Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Alice Dunkovich, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz

March - Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Rachael Schopp Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Duda, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski

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

JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

We continue to celebrate Mass from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

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

Jeri Lu Rose

Wife of Roy

Alphonsena Ruszkowski

Mother of Bonnie Dosmann

May they rest in peace. Amen.

A CALL TO PRAYER

Providing a Light in the Darkness - Prayer can help to strengthen our bonds with one another and with God, regardless of our faith identities. By turning to prayer, we call forth a light in the darkness.

Who we are: Volunteers from across the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany anyone feeling the need to pray during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, as well as 24-hour voicemail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you - opening our hearts to God, asking for his blessings and peace.

We are available at: 312.741.3388

ENGLISH:

PRAYWITHME@CALLEDTOPRAYER.ORG

ESPAÑOL:

REZACONMIGO@CALLEDTOPRAYER.ORG

POLSKI:

POMODLSIEZEMNA@CALLEDTOPRAYER.ORG

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Mental Illness Helpline: 800.950.6264
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800.273.8255
- GetHelp@catholiccharities.net
- Catholic Charities Cook County: 312.655.7700

St. Cletus Celebrates Essential Workers!

On behalf of the parish community, parish staff assembled for a parade to area grocery stores to show gratitude and appreciation for these essential workers. Parish staff presented a goodie bag and thank you card for each employee to the store manager during the parade, which featured the St. Cletus School cardinal mascot. Video of the parade is available on our YouTube Channel at youtube.com/stcletusparish and parish website.



Important Notice about the Reopening of St. Cletus Parish

May 19, 2020

Dear St. Cletus Family,

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy. As you may have seen, Cardinal Cupich recently shared our multi-phased plan for reopening churches in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Specifically,

- Phase I allows for parishes to reopen for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees.
- Phase IA allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees.
- Phase II allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups, depending on the guidelines from the state and the capacity of the church building.

Our St. Cletus Reopening Plan

First and foremost, it is important for everyone to understand that **our efforts will prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all, while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith.**

I am assembling a Parish Reopening Leadership Team with parishioner co-captains to lead our efforts. Together, we will attend required training from the Archdiocese to ensure that our parish reopening plan conforms to the guidelines developed by the Archdiocese in collaboration with civil and healthcare authorities. We will also receive a starter kit of protective and cleaning supplies, as well as guidance on purchasing/maintaining supplies ongoing.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist with various aspects of our parish reopening plan. **Importantly, leadership team members and volunteers must not be part of a “vulnerable population” (that is, not over the age of 65; no underlying medical condition such as diabetes; lung disease; undergoing cancer treatment, etc.).** I ask all of you who are younger than 65 and healthy with no underlying health conditions to consider assisting with one of three reopening teams:

- Greeting Team and Ushers. Sample duties include ensuring that entrances and exits are marked and propped physically open prior to attendees' arrival/departure and that windows are open. Ensure that pew and seat tags are all in place; assist in managing the flow of congregants as they enter the church, making sure attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill; directing people to appropriate seating/waiting areas, etc.; assist with congregants movement during the service.
- Set-Up/Sacristan Team. Sample duties include ensuring that all supplies and liturgical vessels needed for each sacramental celebration/gathering are ready for use; ensure that sanctuary and sacristy are cleaned and sanitized before and after each service; clean and sanitize all supplies and vessels used during the service. Masks and gloves will be provided if you do not have your own, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies.
- Cleaning Team. Sample duties include disinfecting and cleaning essential and trafficked areas of the church before and after the church has been used. Masks and gloves will be provided, if you do not have your own, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies.

The Reopening Leadership Team and I will make sure that all volunteers are properly trained. Please send us a message at reopening@stcletusparish.com to indicate your willingness and ability to volunteer. From those that step forward, we will also request that some act as volunteer captains to help lead each of the three teams.

Timing for Our Reopening

As I mentioned, the Parish Reopening Leadership Team, which is still being formed, will need to complete required training. The parish priests, our business manager, our parish maintenance team and I completed the live one-hour required training webinar when it was offered this past Monday, May 18th. Once determined, all team members and volunteers will also need to complete the training, which will be available on demand. Once we complete the training, we will need to review and complete tasks assigned to all parishes as part of a reopening certification process to be approved by the Archdiocese.

Though the Archdiocese has indicated that a parish *may open* for sacramental celebrations, private prayer or Eucharistic Adoration by this weekend (May 23rd), **our parish, like all others in the Archdiocese, will move forward at a pace and timing appropriate for its own situation and on this limited basis, upon receiving certification from the Archdiocese.**

Following our training and certification approval, at St. Cletus we will only open our church once the Reopening Leadership Team and I feel confident that we have the right volunteers in place to make it possible to reopen. Again, the need for parishioner assistance cannot be overstated.

The extensive guidelines and measures required to reopen are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of our broader community. There are still many details to be put into place, for even this partial reopening, so that both staff and parishioners can be certain of safety.

And while our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting covid-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Since we are just in the beginning of the reopening process, St. Cletus will not be ready to reopen this weekend. We will communicate with the parish the exact date that we will be able to reopen.

As Cardinal Cupich has noted, Scripture teaches that we indeed are “our brother’s keeper.” Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed, “that they all may be one” (*Jn 17:21*) and commanded us “love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (*Jn 13:34*). **Our collective patience, willingness to help, and the care we take to reopen is a demonstration of our unity and love for one another.**

May God grant you His peace during this difficult time and may He manifest His love and presence to you in abundant ways.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Bob Clark,
Pastor

Social Concerns Ministry



**ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY
THURSDAYS 6-8PM**

Most needed at this time:

- Gloves (all sizes)
- Canned fruit
- Toothpaste
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Canned meals (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.

Follow us on facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



8 of our volunteers all happened to ride bikes last week!



The Hogan family, volunteering at Food Pantry distribution and also helping to prep the garden this week! Thank you!

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Thank you for all of your donations to the Women's Care Center Baby Shower! We know it wasn't the same as in previous years but we still flooded the center with wonderful, helpful donations that will go directly to moms and babies who need them!



NEW MINISTRY UNEMPLOYED TOGETHER

The pandemic has sadly created unemployment and reduced employment for several in our communities.

Unemployment is not just an economic problem; it impacts ones sense of worth, security and spirit. It can be a spiritual challenge as it affects people at every level. It affects ones well being.

St. Cletus Parish is launching a virtual small faith group called "Unemployed Together". It is to help those facing the same challenge of unemployment to grow in faith and relationship with Christ through the lens of this exceptionally challenging moment in his/her life.

All are welcome! - The small group will meet weekly, virtually via Zoom video conferencing. An invitation to the Zoom video meeting will be emailed to you the week that the sessions begin. Meetings will be held on either Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. or on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. You can choose which time works best for your schedule when you register. Sessions will run from June 9 & 10 to July 14 & 15. Each session will last one hour.

Please go the parish website (stcletusparish.com) to sign up for this new virtual small faith sharing group!

**Unemployed
Together**
during the
COVID-19 Shutdown

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Airbnb and HotelTonight to help domestic violence victims in Chicago during coronavirus pandemic

Airbnb and HotelTonight will work with anti-domestic violence workers to help domestic violence victims find a place to stay amid the coronavirus, Chicago officials announced.

Under Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s stay-at-home order, there’s been an increase in domestic violence calls to the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline, and the police department has seen a 12% increase in domestic violence calls from Jan. 1 to mid-April, Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s office said.

Airbnb and HotelTonight will work with the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline to help people “flee a violent situation.” The hotline will work with HotelTonight and The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence to place a hotel reservation on the caller’s behalf, officials said.

The Network will cover the costs with money from the state, the city said.

“There is a growing need to support victims of domestic violence as there is increased demand for shelters during the pandemic, and we are pleased to work with the city of Chicago and The Network to help fill this transitional housing need,” Kelley Gossett, head of Chicago Policy for Airbnb, said in a statement. “By connecting The Network with accommodations, we hope to help Chicago domestic violence survivors get to a place to stay as quickly as possible.”

Lightfoot praised Airbnb in a statement.

“This new partnership with Airbnb creates a key link for individuals fleeing violent situations by affording them immediate safe shelter and enabling them to take the next steps in their journey of recovery and growth,” Lightfoot said.

Chicago Tribute April 28, 2020

Coordination of this program will be facilitated through the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline which is available to residents 24/7/365 at 877-863-6338 and The Network: Advocating Against Domestic Violence.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
— AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION —
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

WORD OF LIFE



“God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life”

USCCB CALL TO ACTION - SNAP



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Hunger is criminal, food is an inalienable right.
- Pope Francis

Families are struggling to put food on the table during this time of economic crisis. Churches and charities are working overtime to meet this rising need, but more must be done. SNAP effectively addresses hunger by delivering resources directly to low-income households to help families keep food on the table. It’s also a proven tool to boost the economy - every dollar spent on SNAP generates between \$1.50 and \$1.80 in economic activity. Congress has the opportunity to protect those who are most vulnerable by strengthening SNAP for the duration of the economic crisis.

Tell Congress to prioritize SNAP in the next COVID-19 relief bill by:

- Increasing the maximum SNAP benefit amount by 15%
- Increasing the minimum SNAP benefit amount, which is currently only \$16
- Suspending all SNAP rule changes that limit eligibility and benefits

More information at <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/74161/respond-pro-life-activities/upload/Letter-to-FDA-urging-ethical-COVID-vaccines.pdf>

Sunday Readings

MAY
31
2020



Pentecost
SUNDAY

READING 1

Acts 2:1–11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34

R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures;

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are
created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

READING 2

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19–23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

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Sunday Notes



THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalms — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;

Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church;
Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Friday: St. Boniface; First Friday
Saturday: St. Norbert; First Saturday

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS (MARTYRED 1886-87)

June 3 - “Master of Pages,” reputedly the handsomest man in all Uganda, Charles Lwanga, lay catechist, courageously led about forty teenaged boys, Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwangwa, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being “those who pray.” But these royal pages were the king’s male harem, who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his “unreasonable demands.” Some were clubbed to death, most burned alive; the youngest, thirteen-year old Saint Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King’s lust; the most tragic, Saint Mbagwa, whose father was his executioner! In 1964, Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity’s African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Forty years after the pope’s words, what does our faith cost us? Heroism aside, how generous is our response?

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PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

—William Blake

Bring Hope to Our Neighbors

Dear Parishioner,

On Sunday, May 31st we will celebrate Pentecost – 50 days after Easter!

Since we are still not able to worship together in person, we have a way to celebrate this great Feast! As Jesus sent the disciples outward, we invite you to go into your neighborhood, if you are able.

Many people are looking for ways to connect, something to do to help others. We have something simple for you and/or your family to do.

As you walk your dog or just stretch your legs through the neighborhood, we ask you to say a prayer for the people who live in that homes along the way. If you know them, call their names to mind, if not, just mention ‘all those who live in this house.’ Here is a sample prayer:

God, please bless and care for all those who live in this house. Help them not feel alone. Give them hope, health and peace. Amen.

Then, leave the note provided, at their door.

It may feel odd to do this. Some people will throw the note away. Others may even think it is weird. But there are people among us, our neighbors, who are alone, looking for connection, a sign of hope. Will you be that sign of hope for them on Pentecost Sunday?

And if you have any stories to share with us about this experience, let us know on the St. Cletus Facebook page.

May God continue to bless you and bless all those you love.



SAMPLE LETTER TEXT

Hello, Neighbor...

I am reaching out to say “hi” and to let you know you are not alone during this trying time.

I am Catholic and every year on the 50th day after Easter my church celebrates Pentecost. Today we remember when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples who had been in hiding for 50 days. They were afraid and disillusioned. On Pentecost, Jesus let them know they were not alone, and He is alive in this world. What they thought was the end of the story – his death – was the beginning of a new life for them and for all of us.

We cannot gather with our faith community today, so I am reaching out to you, my neighbor, to let you know I am praying for you. And to let you know we will get through this.

If you need anything, my parish, St. Cletus, can help connect you to those who may be able to help. Please reach out to St. Cletus or Catholic Charities at GetHelp@catholiccharities.net or 312.655.7700.

If you are looking for someone to pray with, night or day, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a prayer line in English, Spanish and Polish. Call 312.741.3388 to pray with someone or leave a prayer request at praywithme@calledtoprayer.org.

If you have recently lost a loved one, we have online grief groups. Visit archchicago.org/coronavirus/online-grief-groups to sign up.

Please reach out regardless of your faith background, and we will find a way to connect you!

I also invite you to pray with me today. If you feel comfortable, you can light a candle and say this prayer. And if someone comes to mind, I encourage you to reach out to that person just to say “hello” and to check on them. We believe that God puts people on our hearts for a reason.

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit...
 Come Holy Spirit...
 Come Holy Spirit...
 Spirit of God, Breathe new life into this world. Bring hope, healing, and love in our midst. Amen.

Blessings to you and those you love!



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ONLINE GRIEF GROUPS

Have you experienced loss during these difficult times of isolation and feel the need to come together with others to share your experience and pray together?

As Jesus comforted Martha and Mary after the death of their brother, Lazarus, our online grief groups are a place of comfort within our faith tradition. The online grief group facilitators are not counselors and do not give advice, but they will be present to listen and to guide you in prayer and reflection.

When: **Multiple dates, beginning Tuesday, May 26 for 1–1½ hours**
Languages: **Available in English, Spanish, or Polish**
Technology: **Via Zoom virtual gatherings**
Age Restriction: **Adults only (18 years and older)**

To sign up, visit [archchicago.org/coronavirus/online-grief-groups](https://www.archchicago.org/coronavirus/online-grief-groups).
Participation is subject to availability and our Terms of Use.

Music Ministry

As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, the 2nd Reading from 1 Corinthians states “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; ...”

The Music Ministry at St. Cletus includes many individuals, but I’d like to focus on five young ladies who are graduating 8th grade this week. They are: Molly Banos, Madeline Burger, Gabi Kapusta, Julia Ludden and Colleen Ramicone.

It has been my privilege to know them for many years as they have sung in our Children’s and Junior choirs. Four of them began singing when they were in third grade; that was in September of 2014! I have seen them grow up, mature, develop vocally, become leaders, become stars in their school and community theatre productions! You as parishioners have had the pleasure of listening to them cantor, sing a psalm, and serve as leaders in our Combined Youth Choir!

I am so proud of these individuals; I love them as my own children. They truly are living out the scripture passage

that speaks of the different kinds of spiritual gifts with which we are called to serve our God. As they continue on to LT and Fenwick in the Fall, I am hoping with all my heart that Molly, Madeline, Gabi, Julia and Colleen will continue in our Music Ministry. Won’t you please help me pray for them, asking the Holy Spirit to be with them as they enter high school, to keep their faith strong and to move their hearts to continue to share their time and talent with our parish family?

One of our favorite Youth Choir Pentecost songs is “Lay Down That Spirit!” The refrain shouts: “Send down your Spirit, Lord, lay down your Word, O Lord. Send down your Spirit Lord, and renew the face of the earth!”

Girls, CONGRATULATIONS; may God continue to bless you abundantly. And may God bless all of us as we once again honor the Holy Spirit and the power that Jesus gave those first disciples and ultimately to each of us.

Karen

Worship Ministry

FROM THE PEWS... PARISHIONERS’ CHOICES

Life

Life is an opportunity – benefit from it.
 Life is beauty – admire it.
 Life is a dream – realize it.
 Life is a challenge – meet it.
 Life is a duty – complete it.
 Life is a game – play it.
 Life is a promise – fulfill it.
 Life is sorrow – overcome it.
 Life is a song – sing it.
 Life is a struggle – accept it.
 Life is a tragedy – confront it.
 Life is an adventure – dare it.
 Life is luck – make it.
 Life is life – fight for it.
 Mother Teresa

Prayer for One Who Lives Alone

I Live alone dear Lord, stay by my side.
 In all my daily needs, be my guide.
 Grant me good health, for that, indeed,
 I pray to carry on my work from day

to day. Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed. Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues, from thieves, from fear and evil ones. If sickness or an accident befall, then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear you my call. And when I’m feeling low or in despair, lift up my heart and help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord yet have no fear, because I feel your presence ever near. Amen

From a Minister of Care

Lord, you invite all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with your compassion for others; touch my heart with your courage and infinite love for all; touch my mind with your wisdom that my mouth may always proclaim your praise; teach me to reach out to you and help me lead others to you by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me to health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen

Ministry News

INVITATION FOR HOPE, COMMUNITY, AND CONNECTION

Do you seek more social connection during these days of physical distancing? You are invited to an opportunity to share our togetherness in these days of isolation. Facilitated by long-time parishioner and lector, Mark Staelgraeve, the conversation will start with gratitude, then honors our pain for the world, sees the possibilities, and encourages us to go forth with intention. Connect with our community while discovering your way to actively create a new hopeful reality.

Join us on Sunday, May 31, at either 6:00pm or 7:30pm. Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAEAF23A5F58-stcletus>. Email Mark at mstael31@gmail.com with questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION



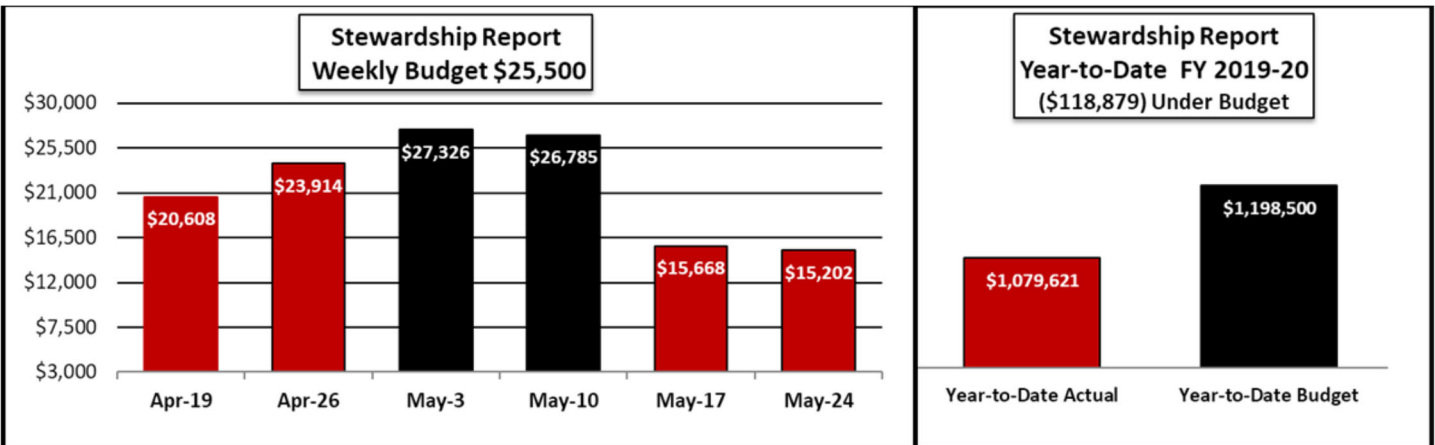
The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. June 9th.

In the likely event that we will still be following guidelines for sheltering at home, this will also be a Zoom discussion. We will discuss *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver.

For those who want to look ahead, in August we will discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides; and in October *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

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

Monday-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 most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (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. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

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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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