

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of
God belongs to such as these.
— Mark 10:14



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERY LIFE
cherished • chosen • sent

*“You who are my messenger,
in you I place my absolute trust.”*

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Respect Life Month
October 2018

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of October 8 - October 14, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Jim Smilor, Leanette Martoccio, Bertha Zeno, Joseph & Kay Klemak
Tuesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, George A. Popp
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Joseph Tybor
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Miller, Joseph Viececi, Wayne Kral, June Wood
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John E. Toncray, Thomas Lihosit
Saturday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bill Reichmann, Jack & Peggy Burns George A. Popp, Ken Kakareka, Donald Kaiser, Barbara Gaetano, Mary Trtol, Stella & Felix Gembala
Sunday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda Stacy Baker Judy Pevilts, Leanette Martoccio, Bertha Zeno Gene Kennedy, Eleanor Maday Armando Almazan, Roberto Paredez

Marriage Banns



Leslie Herrera & Jorge Salgado

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 - Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna, Maureen Finnerty, Marty Gleason

August - Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul De Rivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello

July - Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Rachael Schopp, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein, Christine DeMaria, Daniella DeRivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Dan Gibbons, Tom Hansen, George Hess, Kay Hogue, Kathryn McCord, Rosa Nilles, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Frank Pastrana, Patricia Rodey, Kathleen Russell, Lucy Schoenecker, Carol Witkowski

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

PARISH FACILITIES CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

St. Cletus Parish Facilities will be closed on Monday, October 8th in observance of Columbus Day.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



This weekend there will be a second collection for the St. Cletus St. Vincent DePaul Society. More details can be found on page 7.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH SPEAKER OCT. 9TH AT ST. CLETUS

Denise's Story

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7:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Center
600 W. 55th St. La Grange

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We hope you will join us.



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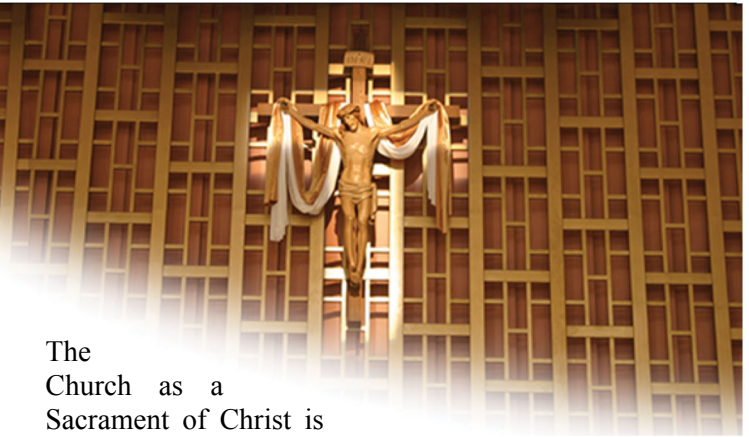
Notes from Fr. Bob...

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The author of the book of Genesis attempts to describe and find reasons for the mutual attraction of man and woman. His answer is found in God's plan of creation. The human person has a spirit that is restless and seeks love with another. John Donne, the early seventeenth century poet, wrote, 'No man is an island'. The contemporary Irish poet Brendan Kennelly opens his poem, 'Connection' with the line 'Self knows that self is not enough.' In these words, both poets grasp that human life is enriched through relationships with others. The human person is restless for relationship and seeks another for communion and love. This search for love is God given. The author of the Book of Genesis indicates how man and woman can find their fullness through intimate relationship with one another in marriage. In an atmosphere of security and trust, each can heal the other, forgive the other, nourish the other and express love to the other.

In the gospel, Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees about the meaning of divorce. While Jewish law permitted men to divorce women, there was debate at the time of Jesus about the grounds for divorce. Some argued that a man could divorce a woman only for serious grounds, others that he could divorce her if she displeased him. This approach meant that often women were treated unjustly and through divorce became alienated from society. Jesus does not accept these grounds and calls the Pharisees back to the original meaning of Genesis. Mark's gospel, reflecting the situation in Roman Law that permitted women to divorce men, depends on the permanence of marriage.

A loving marriage is a source of great blessing and goodness. It is a call to a partnership of life and love which is founded on mutual love. For some, marriage does not become this vision. Situations of violence or abuse in marriage must be condemned as wrong. The hardness of heart that led Jewish Law to permit divorce finds modern day parallels in the need for separation and civil divorce that may be needed to protect a person from violence and the liberation from an oppressive situation. The fragile nature of human relationships and the high level of divorce raise many questions about supporting marriage and helping the healing process of those whose marriages end in tragedy. Standing before God in humility and recognizing the need of his mercy is the invitation offered in the description of being like a child in order to enter God's kingdom.



The Church as a Sacrament of Christ is called to be a place of welcome for all. The love of married people witnesses to the Christian community as a sacrament of God's love for his people and Christ's love for his Church. Their love extends out to witness to the love of the Church for others. Through this vocation to holiness, man and woman in marriage grow in love for each other.

As a place of welcome, the Christian community is called to support those whose marriages have ended and who have experienced the pain of separation or divorce. A sensitivity to human relationships and their complexity can help welcome those who, for whatever reason, have chosen to enter a second union. The witness of the Church to the healing and forgiving love of Christ is important in a world that is often judgmental and condemning. The path to holiness is varied and often tortuous.

OCTOBER IS 'RIGHT TO LIFE' MONTH

Once again, as we begin 'Right to Life' month, let us recommit ourselves to the sanctity of God's gift of life from conception to natural death. As God's creation in His own image and likeness, we become the temple of the Holy Spirit from the moment we are conceived in our mother's womb until God calls us home at the moment of our death. We need to recommit our efforts to uphold this precious gift of life. Let us prayer for a renewal of respect for life in all its forms during this month dedicated to God's gift of life.

Peace and Blessings Always,

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

October 8.....No School
October 19-22 Oktoberfest Fun-raiser at Kenny's

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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

ST. CLETUS
Queen of Hearts
RAFFLE

BUY TICKETS DAILY AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB.

DRAWINGS MONDAYS AT 7PM AT KENNY'S.

SCHOOL "FUN"RAISER OCT. 19-22



30% of all purchases at Kenny's from October 19-22 will go towards St. Cletus School Programs. Please present the flier (required) that can be found on the school website <https://stcletusschool.com/parents/>

ST. CLETUS GIRL SCOUTS ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



This year the St. Cletus Girl Scouts will be using thier Jamboree to help fill duffel bags for foster children.

We are asking for donations to help fill these duffel bags for foster children. Items in need are: Travel Size items, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Lotion, Journal (for writing), Coloring books, and Writing Supplies.

Donations can be placed in the bins in the Narthex through October 18th. Thank you for your generosity.

HOMECOMING 2018

Check out the photos from St. Cletus School Homecoming Weekend Sept. 21-23 on the next page.

Homecoming festivities started with a very lively pep rally on Friday afternoon filled with lots of Cardinal spirit in the Parish Center gym. As part of Friday's Homecoming festivities, our 7th and 8th grade students danced the night away. In true Cardinal fashion, our students showed great manners and behavior, as well as some rockin' dance moves. Thank you to our teacher and parent chaperones!

Homecoming weekend was topped off with the parade and football game on Sunday. Beautiful weather, good sportsmanship, and a W made for a great weekend.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

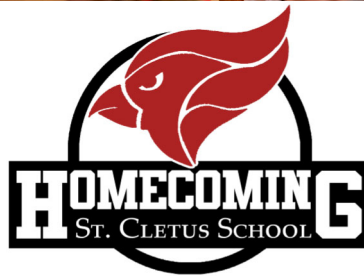
The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at over **\$13,250!**

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, October 8th.

Raffle Details: In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55th Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES!

Come on over to Kenny's any time during their normal business hours to purchase tickets (winner need not be present to win).





Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Cereal
- Canned Meals (canned chicken, chili, ravioli, etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned fruit

Donations can be dropped off before or after Masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).

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Now on Instagram:
@St.CletusFoodPantry

THANK YOU



Thank you to St. John of the Cross for their HUGE September donation! 141 bags plus countless boxes and cases of needed items!

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

CROP WALK SUNDAY OCTOBER 21ST

Please mark your calendars and gather with friends, family, and neighbors to join in the annual La Grange area CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) on Sunday, October 21. The walk begins and ends at Presbyterian Church of Western Springs (5250 Wolf Rd.)

Our food pantry benefits directly from this walk, receiving canned goods and a generous check. Please help us make this year's CROP Walk successful! Online registration and donation info can be found at: crophungerwalk.org/lagrangeil/stcletus



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This event will focus on the problem of domestic violence in our community. Together, we will view a short video on domestic violence, hear the personal journey of Denise, a survivor, share in a Q & A, and learn what we can do to help others in this struggle.

Sponsored by the Domestic Violence Ministries of St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross, and St. Francis Xavier.

General Contact Information

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

You are not alone.

GIVING TREE

Registration for this year's Giving Tree Project begins on October 2. As we approach Christmas, there will be many volunteer opportunities, such as the one featured above, as we prepare for this event. Also, tags will be available for you on the trees in church on November 10-11. We will be making some changes to the program this year so please watch the Canticle and the parish website for further details!

Volunteer Opportunity

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 16, in Room 213 in the Education building, from 3:15-5:30pm.** Enter the building at the apple door/#2. Please contact Kendall Grant if you can help or with any questions.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2O8FwpV>



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SVDP

This weekend we are holding 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, at the Parish Center or Rectory. Thank you so much for your generosity!

We regularly get calls and make home visits to families in our community, who are struggling to make ends meet. These includes older adults on fixed income, whose retirement funds won't cover growing expenses; single moms dealing with unemployment/underemployment and childcare costs; people without means of transportation or money for gas to do errands, go to medical appointments, get to work or job interviews; people dealing with illness or disabilities; families undergoing foreclosures, termination of utilities or other financial difficulties.

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.

We see Christ's face in everyone we serve. We strive to reflect the vision of the St. Vincent DePaul Society ... “No work of charity is foreign to the Society. Need, not creed, determines who is helped and how.

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.

AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2019 TAX 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 2019 tax filing season. It's not necessary for you to be an AARP member or to 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, 2019. 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 service is offered to low and middle income individuals with special attention to those 60 years and older. Won't you help?

For further information about the program and to sign up as a volunteer, please visit: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or contact St. Cletus parishioner John Wagner at 708-352-0170 for further details.

WORD OF LIFE



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2018-19 Respect Life Reflection



Respect Life Month
October 2018

Life Chain
Sunday, October 7th
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Ogden at LaGrange Rd

What really is “The Life Chain”?

It is that spectacular event that annually draws the attention of hundreds of thousands of Americans. The concept is simple, the effect stunning. People of all ages and faiths stand reverently in silent prayer, for one hour along a major street or highway, holding signs that proclaim the importance of human life.

Always held the first Sunday in October, *The Life Chain* is a visual statement by the Christian community that it supports the sanctity of human life. Uniform signs (no graphic depictions) are provided for participants, so the overall impression is one of solidarity in belief and purpose.

Please come and join us for one prayerful hour next Sunday, October 7th from 2:00-3:30pm on Ogden Ave. at LaGrange Rd. More information at LifeChain.net or contact Kendall Grant.

Other Ministry News

RCIA BEGINS THIS TUESDAY OCT. 9TH!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS **RCIA: COME AND SEE** BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the Catholic Church's adult faith formation program which invites adults who have never been baptized, who have been baptized Catholic but not completed the sacraments of initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) or who have been baptized in another faith and wish to become Catholic, to explore their journey of faith in the life of the Catholic Church.

The RCIA gives people on a faith journey an opportunity to "come and see" not only what the Catholic Church and a life of faith in it is all about, but also an opportunity to explore how the Lord may be calling them into his life in a more complete way.

If you are interested in more information or know someone who is or would like to participate in the RCIA, please contact Fr. Ken for participation and registration requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION CONTACT FR. KEN AT (708) 352-6209 ext. 205

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



Sunday is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary! Join us at 12:10 in the Parish Center on Sunday to pray the entire Rosary and just be in Mary's presence and celebrate with her. What better way to demonstrate our love and trust in our heavenly mother, sharing our petitions for our church, our families and our parish. Will you join us?

JOIN THE LIVING ROSARY

You are also invited to pray the Rosary before the 8:00 am Mass on weekdays and every Sunday at 12:00 pm in the Children's room at the back of church. However you choose to pray the Rosary, please be sure to honor Mary this month in her special role as Our Lady of the Rosary.

FLU SHOTS TODAY, OCTOBER 7TH



Flu season is here and Osco Pharmacy will hold a flu clinic in Morrissey Hall on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 7:30am to 12:30pm so feel free to stop in before or after mass to get your flu shot. Medicare part B covers the vaccine at no charge. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available if you are not up to date on this immunization. As an incentive a 10% Jewel grocery coupon will be given to everybody who receives immunization. For more information stop by Osco drug across the street and speak with Presley.

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POT LUCK

**Saturday
October 13th
6:00 p.m.
St. Cletus
Parish Center**



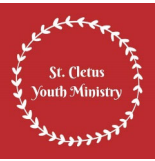
You're Invited! Singles, couples, families with children, ALL are invited to attend this event being sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women next Saturday, October 13th. We will provide a main dish but we'd like you to bring your favorite dish (to serve 8-10 people) and join us for an evening of good food and friendship. You won't want to miss this informal & fun gathering to acquaint and re-acquaint yourself with fellow parishioners.

RSVP Today! We'd like to know how many to plan for and also make sure we'll have a well-rounded meal, so we are asking you to RSVP. Cards are available in the narthex of the church. Please fill out your name, number attending, type of dish, and ingredients and place them in the box in the usher's room or at the back of church. You can also reserve your spot or volunteer to work at the event or make a donation toward the event by calling Donna at 708-246-5509 or email ccw@stcletusparish.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

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. Thank you!

JOIN ST. CLETUS YOUTH MINISTRY



Teens – looking to give back and get involved in your parish community? Look no further!

What is St. Cletus Youth Ministry?

This ministry is provided solely for High School students, in order to help cultivate the faith of our parish teens, and walk with them on their faith journey.

We provide opportunities for:

- Faith-Sharing (Freshman Experience, Sophomore-Senior faith-sharing groups, retreats)
- Service (service projects, mission trips)
- Community (Church League, Teen Advisory Board)

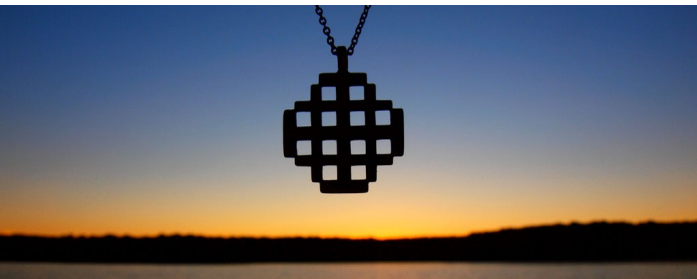
Looking to get involved? Have ideas? Want to learn more? Contact MaryClaire Zurowski.

CHURCH LEAGUE 2018-2019



Create lasting memories with friends, get active, and represent St. Cletus Parish through participating in Church League! Teams are comprised of high school teens, with adult volunteers as coaches for each team. Registration can be found on the St. Cletus Parish website under Youth Ministry. Contact MaryClaire Zurowski with any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS, REGISTER FOR KAIROS 31!

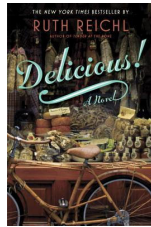


Kairos is a retreat offered for high school juniors and seniors seeking a weekend to unplug from their day-to-day life and engage in an unforgettable weekend of community and faith-sharing.

Kairos 31 will take place October 25-28th. Applications can be found on the Parish Website. Please contact MaryClaire Zurowski with any questions.

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
 mzurowski@stcletusparish.com
 Follow us on Instagram! @stcletus.youthministry

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on October 16th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is **Delicious by Ruth Reichl**. All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

REQUEST FOR FR. LORENZO

According to Archdiocesan policies, lay leadership and parishioners are to be given the opportunity to recognize Fr. Lorenzo’s gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. Thus, we are providing a parish-wide survey as part of his review process. The survey can be easily accessed by going to the Archdiocese’s web page (<https://www.archchicago.org/>) and clicking on Offices and Ministries, located on the top panel. This will bring you to an alphabetical listing of offices. Under ‘M’, select Ministerial Evaluation. You will then be directed to the Ministerial Evaluation webpage. In the middle of the page, you will find “360 Catholic Leadership review for priests”. Please click on the word ‘Link’ next to your appropriate language to access the survey. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Polish.

Direct Link to Survey in English for Fr. Lorenzo:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/english-2018-2019>

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Join us on October 21st at 4pm for a performance that will capture some of the highlights of each of our past Fine Arts Series concerts and will feature an impressive chorus of St. Cletus Choir members and other local choristers, accompanied by full orchestra. You won’t want to miss this wonderful concert.

A reception for Justin Sisul, celebrating his many years of service to St. Cletus Parish and the Fine Arts Series, will follow the concert. More information about the series can be found at www.edwardfas.com.

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved

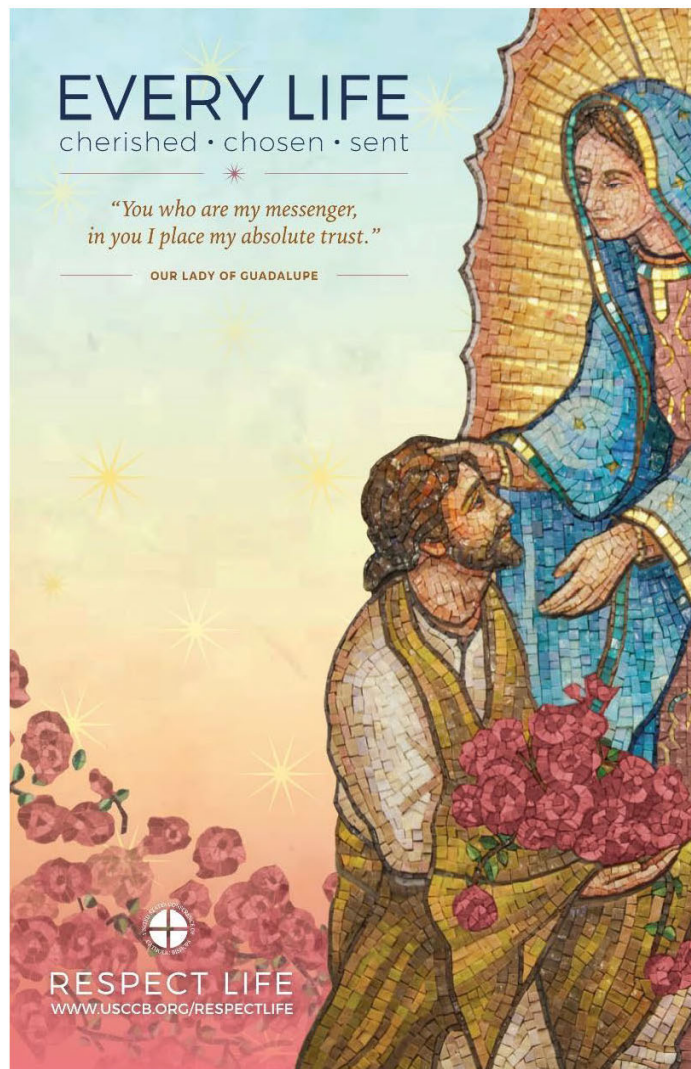
by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is **chosen**.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is **sent**.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us

embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.



RESPECT LIFE
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From the beginning of creation,
 God made them male and female.
 For this reason a man shall
 leave his father and mother
 and be joined to his wife, and
 the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God’s love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ’s love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’ ” (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

ALL WET

To repent and not to amend is like paying a debt by writing a check on water.

—Anonymous

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
- Monday: Columbus Day; Canadian Thanksgiving Day
- Tuesday: St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi
- Thursday: St. John XXIII
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of our great treasures is the way the Church has frequently flourished under unfavorable conditions, like the grape ivy on the mantel that refuses to die no matter how infrequently you water it or open the drapes. Like the apartheid laws in South Africa in the last century, the penal laws of Ireland were aimed at depriving the majority population of basic human rights. The Protestant parliament of Ireland enacted laws limiting the practice of Catholicism. The goal was to force conversion from “popery” to the Church of Ireland, and additional laws took aim at Jews, non-Anglicans, and Quakers.

There were laws against intermarriage, laws against Catholics being lawyers (there was a one-hundred-pound fine), a law granting lifelong income to priests who became Protestant, and a ban on weapons. In fact, until 1793, a Catholic man had to recruit and pay a Protestant man to serve in the local militia in his place! As if family life is not complicated enough in any age, the sons of a deceased father could divide his land equally, unless one became Protestant. In that case all would go to him! When allowed, new Catholic churches had to be built of wood, not stone, be off a main road or city square, have no steeple or bell, and be called a “chapel.” Catholic “Emancipation” was largely secured by 1829, but even up to the founding of the Irish State in the 1920s, some effects of the laws endured. No wonder that poor Irish immigrants to the United States frequently built gloriously beautiful churches as their first act on free soil!

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BURY YOUR TROUBLES

When I dig others out of trouble, I find a place to bury my own.

—Anonymous

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



Widowed? Sorting out life's changes? Confused, wondering what is next? What is God's plan for me now?

Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women:

Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia

Nov 17 & 18 - Our Lady of the Angels Retreat House, Lemont

To register call: 708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video). Register early, space is limited.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 4

Tuesday, October 9, 7-9 pm...this week co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will discuss the fundamentals of networking and provide tips on job hunting after "50". In addition, co-facilitator, Susan Sedler, will recommend a plan for developing your personal career strategy. Time will also be devoted to practicing your Elevator Speech.

Please join us at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. There is no cost for attending the Boot Camp. Meetings will be in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Free Resume Review - Saturday, October 20, 9:30-11:30 am...join us for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with an HR or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Looking for a job? Know someone who is? Everyone is welcome to St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street, La Grange.

More info: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Sara Thomsen: Concert and Sacred Universe Award - Saturday, October 20th at 7 p.m.

In the tradition of singer-songwriter-activists Joan Baez, Holly Near, and Peter Paul and Mary, Sara Thomsen's songs carry you inward and outward - in, to the movements deep within your soul, and out, into the humanity we all share. Join us for a concert that is sure to inspire you and also to thank Sara for her gift of music and depth of feeling for all Creation. Cost: \$20

To register online and see complete list of programs: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. The Well Spirituality Center - 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA 1917-2018

Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade to pray for our country Saturday, October 13th at 12 noon on 55th Street in front of St. Cletus Church in La Grange. For more information, call Dorothy Durso 246-1106 or Maureen Sager 352-5834.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Open House - Sunday, October 14, Tours start at noon.

Science Event - Thursday, October 25, 4PM-5:45PM for 7th and 8th grade girls

Trinity High School, 7574 W Division River Forest, IL 60305 trinityhs.org/beablazer

NAZARETH ACADEMY

Open House - Sunday, October 21 & Monday, October 22

Prospective students and families are encouraged to learn MORE about what Nazareth Academy offers students at an Open House. Visit on Sunday, October 21, between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., with presentations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., or Monday, October 22, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., with a presentation starting at 7 p.m.

Nazareth Academy, 1209 W. Ogden in La Grange Park, IL. nazarethacademy.com | Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505.

MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Open House - Tuesday, October 23 & Thursday, November 8

Doors open at 6:30 pm. At our Open Houses you get the chance to experience all that Montini has to offer academically, socially and spiritually.

Montini Catholic High School, 19W070 16th Street in Lombard. www.montini.org | Eric Brechtel at 630-627-6930 ext. 222.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Open House - Sunday, Oct. 14 & Sunday, Nov. 11 from 1-3pm

Shadow Days - Visit www.stjoeshs.org to schedule a shadow day for a Friday!

St. Joseph High School, 10900 W. Cermak Rd in Westchester. www.stjoeshs.org | Admissions Office at 708.562.4433.

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME

Grief Support Gathering

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield

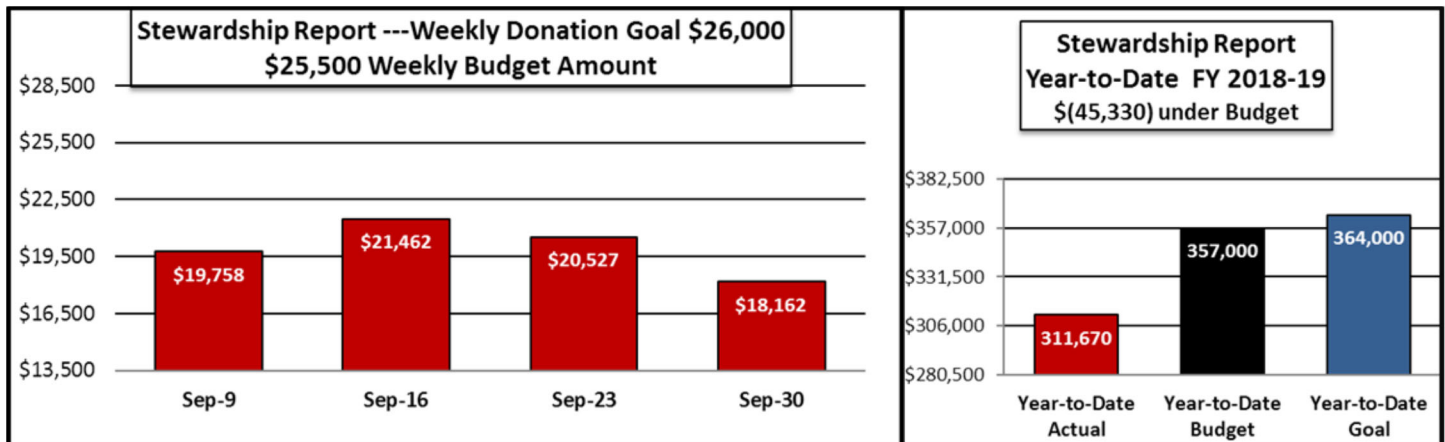
Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. to 708-485-2000 or info@hitzemanfuneral.com. Refreshments will follow. For more info visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, October 7	7:00am 7:00pm	Narthex School Music Room	Respect Life & SVDP Tables Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal
Monday, October 8	8:00am		All Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, October 9	7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Church	Domestic Violence Outreach Speaker Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, October 10	9:00am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies Baptism Preparation Class
Thursday, October 11	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement Morrisey Hall School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry First Reconciliation Parents Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 12			
Saturday, October 13	6:00pm	Parish Center	Pot Luck
Sunday, October 14	1:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Music Room	KAIROS Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT



5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!

Those at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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

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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