

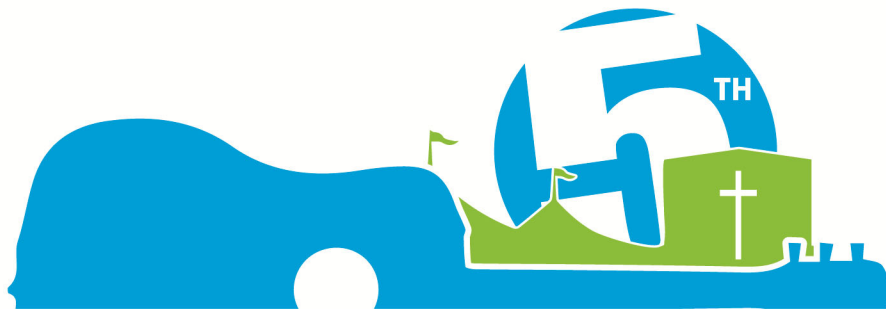
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for
eternal life.

— John 6:27a



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST - SEPT. 6-9



Thursday 7pm

Friday 7pm

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 6pm

FOOD VENDORS

4 DAY COMMUNITY FEST



BEER GARDEN

CARNIVAL MEGAPASS

BINGO

**11:00AM SUNDAY
FIRST RESPONDERS MASS**

\$55

CASH RAFFLE

CARNIVAL



**4 DAYS
UNLIMITED RIDES**

**LUCKY LEAF
RAFFLE**

GRAND PRIZE - \$5000
\$20 PER TICKET -OR- 6 FOR \$100
FIRST \$50 EARLY BIRD DRAWING IS AUG. 5TH!

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of August 6 - August 12, 2018

| Day | Presider (subject to change) | Time | Intentions |
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| Monday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Rosalie Bajor |
| Tuesday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Joseph Vieceli |
| Wednesday | Fr. Clark | 8:00 a.m. | Virginia Rachford, Donato Frasca, Tony Frasca |
| Thursday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present |
| Friday | Fr. Clark | 8:00 a.m. | Andrew L Jaskierski |
| Saturday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Helen Piemonte |
| | Fr. Baker | 5:00 p.m. | Harry Brown, Joan Brown, Ken Kakareka, Lisa Gabriel, Joseph Naponiello, Barbara Gaetano |
| Sunday | Fr. Gamboa | 7:00 a.m. | John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, Marilyn Matesevac, George Duda, Dr. Brigitta Sonnenkalb-wood |
| | Fr. Clark | 8:00 a.m. | Walter Maveety, Al & Agnes Hinton, Stacey Baker |
| | Fr. Baker | 9:30 a.m. | Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale |
| | Fr. Clark | 11:00 a.m. | Gene Kennedy |
| | Fr. Gamboa | 12:30 p.m. | St. Cletus Parishioners |

Marriage Banns



Jacquelyn Pach & Ian Webb

Noemi Ruiz & Juan Salgado

Janet Muratalla & Jesus Serrano

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

George Meyers

Angelina Ricciardone

Thomas J. Sulek

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

August - Ada Medina

July - Joan Clark, Judy Kennedy, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Rachael Schopp

June - Frank Colonna, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, John Burns, 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.

STOP BY THE FALL FEST TENT

Visit the Fall Fest Tent after Masses this weekend to purchase T-shirts, Mega Passes and raffle tickets. Don't forget, the first \$50 early bird drawing will be held Sunday, August 5th so get your tickets in today!



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Please note that the parish office will close early on Fridays during the summer.

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Monday thru Thursday | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |

Please note that the parish offices are located in the new parish center. Food Pantry remains in the rectory.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As the Israelites made their way through desert and barren land in search of God's promises, they moaned and groaned at the hardness of it all. Wouldn't it better to be back in Egypt where they had hot meals and warm houses every day? Better that than this long, lonesome and never-ending journey. Is that not true? No it is not true. Egypt was security for them, yes, but it was not freedom. Who wants a life with no prospects? No one surely, for that would be a living death. Why live when there is nowhere to go? Life is a journey or it is nothing.


But if our life proves too hard, if there is no relief from the dark grey skies, why go on? Surely, then, it is understandable to live for the day, to settle for the possible pleasures that come our way. Even more, to drown our sorrows in anything that will take away the pain of too much painful life. Drink and drugs often hide a deep desire for life. It can be truly said of many a one who take a drink, 'You do not drink because you want to die. You drink because you actually want to live.'

So it was that the Israelites asked for food for the living in the desert, and God gave them manna for their daily bread. 'Give us this day our daily bread.' Their prayer was answered. In the same way, Jesus in his day fed the crowds with bread. This made the people hungry for more, and they followed him, eager to see what he would do next.

It is at this moment that Jesus takes the opportunity to teach the people how to live. Do not go looking for the spectacular, he says. Do not go just looking for your own daily advantage and pleasure. That would be aimless living, a waste of a good life. Instead, look for the things that endure to eternal life. Look for true bread that forever nourishes your heart and mind and soul. That is going to demand a spiritual revolution inside of you. Stop the selfish impulses inside you. Stop the me-culture, the I-want-it-now culture. Stop the doing-as-others-do culture.

Learn a different way of living. Set your heart on Christ Jesus – God's promise of eternal life for us. Feed from this source every day of your life. "Give us that bread always," the Jewish people said to Our Lord. We should say the same, and say it every day. In reply, the Lord tells us, "You will never be hungry. You will never thirst."

The journey of life is hard. Of that there is no doubt. Many people find it to be an uphill struggle. But once you accept that life is hard, it ceases to be a problem. So says Scott Peck, the American psychiatrist and theologian. If

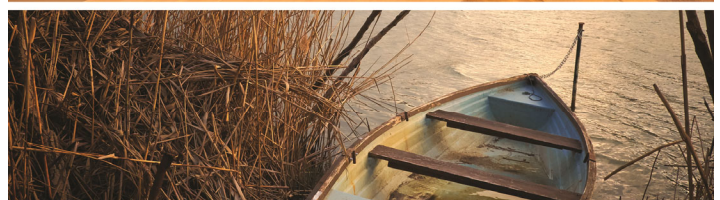


we
fully embrace
this hardness of life,
and willingly set out on the
journey, prepared each day to face its challenges
and set-backs, then we can help each other along the road.
For now life is no longer a problem we cannot handle.
Rather it has become the great adventure that leads us to
the land of promise, and we are given food for the journey
by the Lord himself.

Blessings Always

Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob, Pastor



Parish School



★ ★ 2014 ★ ★
BLUE RIBBON
RECIPIENT

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

August 22 First Day of School 1st-8th Grades
 August 22 Welcome Back Mass 9am
 September 6-9 St. Cletus Fall Fest

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

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 917 W 55TH ST. COUNTRYSIDE

TO BENEFIT
ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

TICKETS
\$1 EACH -OR- 6 FOR \$5

DRAWINGS MONDAYS 7PM

BUY TICKETS DAILY
AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at \$3441!

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, August 6th!

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).

Join us each Monday at Kenny's for some fun!



2018-19 Enrollment is Open!



St. Cletus School builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and recognizes the diverse talents and individual learning styles of our students.

Our focus on academics, religious education, and spiritual development balanced with extracurricular activities supports our mission to develop well-rounded students.

- Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum
- Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities
- Half-day and Full-day options for Kindergarten and Preschool
- Before and After School Extended Care
- Caring Community

Call 708-352-4820 to schedule a tour.

Religious Education

REGISTER FOR RE CLASSES!

Registration has begun for the 2018-2019 academic year. Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re or in the RE Office at the School or in the Parish Center.

Classes for grades 1-8 are held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45 a.m. or Monday evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Early Childhood classes for Pre-3 to Kindergarten are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Special Needs classes are held two Sundays a month from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE SCHOOL IS COMING TO OUR AREA!



Class(es) will be held at St. John of the Cross on Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., with the possibility of an afternoon class on the same day at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., depending upon whether there is enough interest. For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Dorothy Jonaitis from the Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago at djonaitis@luc.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

The Religious Education Office currently has openings in a few key volunteer ministries. Please read about them below, and prayerfully consider joining this awesome team!

Catechist: The classroom teacher who actively shares their faith and love of Jesus with the children. You do not need

previous experience – we provide training, all materials and resources, even written lesson plans! Catechists receive a \$100 tuition credit or stipend at the end of the year. We currently have openings in Grades 1-8 on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings, as well as openings in our Early Childhood Religious Education classes. Co-teaching or Partner teaching is also an option here!

Aide: The classroom helper who assists the Catechist and students in the classroom as needed. You do not need previous experience – just a desire to help and share your faith with the kids! Adult Aides receive a \$50 tuition credit or stipend at the end of the year. We currently have openings in Grades 1-5 on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings, as well as openings in our Early Childhood Religious Education classes.

Religious Education Board: We are looking to create a new Religious Education Board who will serve in an advisory capacity for the Director of Religious Education and the Pastor. This board will meet once six times a year and assist with projects to improve our RE program, offer more programs for parents, work to find ways to recognize and affirm our volunteer staff, and provide important feedback to the RE staff pertaining to the RE program and sacramental preparation. Board members receive a \$100 tuition credit or stipend at the end of the year. Please consider volunteering your time to help to improve our program!

Office Helper: This volunteer will assist us in the office during regularly scheduled RE class times. This person will answer phones, monitor children arriving late/leaving early, assist in maintaining a safe environment for our students in the building, and assist with attendance. Office Helpers will receive a \$100 tuition credit or stipend at the end of the year. We currently have additional openings on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings.

Substitute Catechist: Occasionally, a Catechist may be absent or need to miss a class. We need people who are willing to serve in this capacity. Volunteers can stipulate a preference for subbing on Sunday morning or Monday evening.

Attendance at a Protecting God's Children session is required of all volunteers 18+ who work with children. This is mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Trainings will take place here at St. Cletus at the end of the summer.

For more information or to sign up for a volunteer opportunity please contact
Barb Campbell,
Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com
(708) 352-2383

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tuna
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Flavored rice/noodles sides
- Boxed Sides
- New School Supplies:
 - Pencils
 - Colored pencils
 - Pens
 - Crayons
 - Markers
 - Pocket folders
 - Single subject spiral notebook
 - Loose leaf paper

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).



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

CALL THE
24-HOUR PHONE
FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

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 UPDATES



One of our home-bound clients sends us bookmarks a few times a year as a thank you. Each of these letters and shapes has been carefully, lovingly, cut by hand. She uses this as a creative outlet, a way to share her faith, and occasionally a way to make a few extra dollars. This batch will be included at food pantry to share with some of the kids (and adults)!

We're so grateful for her thoughtful gift.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Why do victims sometimes return to or stay with abusers?

A better question is, "*Why does the abuser choose to abuse?*"

- Abusers work very hard to keep victims in relationships.
- There is a real fear of death or more abuse if they leave.
- In fact, a victim's risk of getting killed greatly increases when they are in the process of leaving or have just left.
- Batterers are very good at making victims think that the abuse is their fault. Victims often believe that if they caused the violence, they can also stop it.
- Victims stay because they are made to think they cannot survive on their own, financially or otherwise. Often abusers create a financial situation that makes leaving nearly impossible. Survivors sometimes want the abuse to end, not the relationship.
- A survivor may return to the abuser because that's the person she, the survivor, fell in love with, and she believes his promises to change.

(<http://www.nnedv.org/resources/stats/faqaboutdv.html>)

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 on the left.

You are not alone.

WORD OF LIFE



"We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him. ... Andrew* is two years old now, and... we can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew." *Name changed for privacy.

"An Adoption Love Story," 2014-15 Respect Life Program
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Adoption Prayer and Educational Resources
www.usccb.org/adoption-resources



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

Other Ministry News

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS PLANNED

If you are an adult, 19 years of age or older, who received your First Communion, regularly attends Mass, but was never confirmed, this class is for you!

All preparation meetings and the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Ascension Parish in Oak Park. Meetings will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning September 4 through October 4. In addition, one Saturday meeting on September 22 will be held beginning at 3:15 p.m. and continue through 5 p.m. Mass. There will be a \$70 fee to cover the cost of books and materials. There will be reading assigned in preparation for each class. A maximum of 1 class can be missed. Sponsors are encouraged, but not required, to attend.

Registration will close on August 24th. Please email mc.meek@ascensionoakpark.com for more information or to register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The next book discussion will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 14 in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is Sister, Sister by Sue Fortin. All are welcome. Questions—call Denise at 708.712.8294

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Volunteers Needed - CCW is in need of volunteers to staff the newly-created "water/soda" table at our 2018 Fall Fest. Time slots are still available for Sept 6th thru the 9th. No pouring - No spilling!!! Soda and water will be in their own containers. Call or email Geri Hinton to sign up, 708-579-0999 or buszi7@hotmail.com.

Save the Date - BUNCO BASH
September 28th 7-10 p.m. More info to follow!



OPEN GYM FOR ALUMNI (18+)

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| ALUMNI OPEN GYM | |
|  | Volleyball August 8th Girls 6:00pm Boys 7:30pm |
|  | Basketball August 8th Girls 6:00pm Boys 7:30pm |

The Winter open gym was a huge success! The PPC will sponsor open gym for college age and older alumni on the following summer evenings: August 8th and 15th

The courts will be setup for either basketball or volleyball depending on the week. The PPC invites you to encourage friends to attend and come join the fun!



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ST. CLETUS WHILE AWAY AT COLLEGE!

While it hardly felt like summer got started, here we are saying goodbye and good luck to our college students. We'd like to ask our college students (or their family) to fill in the blanks below so we can keep in touch!

We will mail or email the Canticle to our kids away from home each week. So... students, parents, siblings... please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Center Office. Your college student will appreciate it!

Name: _____

School: _____ Year in School: _____

(Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior)

Email: _____

Address (please include the dorm name and room number or apartment number):

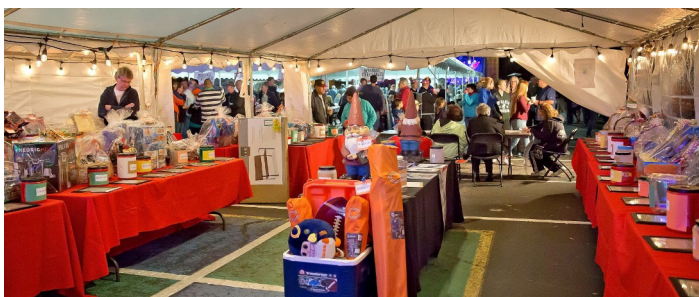
(City)

(State)

(Zip)

2018 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!



We always have some great items for our Fall Fest Basket Raffle. We need your help to make that happen again this year. Donations can be brought to the parish offices during normal business hours. Thank you for your generosity! We are in need of:

- Sporting event tickets and jerseys (Cubs, Bulls, White Sox, Bears, Blackhawks)
- Theater tickets
- Hotel packages
- Gift cards (Airlines, Visa, Amazon, Target, restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, home improvement stores, or other gift cards.)
- Monetary donations are kindly accepted.

EVENT HOURS AND HIGHLIGHTS



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|----------------------------|---|---|
| Thursday, Sept. 6th | 5pm-10pm 7pm | Carnival Kickin' Jimmy |
| Friday, Sept. 7th | 5pm-11pm 7pm | Carnival Infinity |
| Saturday, Sept. 8th | 12pm-11pm 1pm 7pm | Carnival Bingo Blooze Brothers |
| Sunday, Sept. 9th | 11am 12pm-9pm 1pm 2pm 6pm 7:30pm | First Responders Mass Carnival Fr. Ken and Friends Bingo ARRA Grand Raffle Drawing |

ST CLETUS KIDS GOT TALENT

It's that time of year again!!! Our Parish Fall Festival is around the corner and we need... your KIDS! We have blocked out the entertainment stage on Sat Sept 8th @ 2pm to showcase all our talented students in our version of America's Got Talent--St Cletus Kids Got Talent!

If your student sings, dances, plays a musical instrument or has another talent we would love them to participate! Students can perform solo acts or get together a few friends for a number!

A sound system, mics and keyboard will be available for use. There is an option for live accompaniment as well if you supply the sheet music. There will also be a dress rehearsal the day before Friday, Sept 7th @ 3 pm.

Please contact Lauren at lbkapusta@sbcglobal.net if your student/s are interested in showing off his or her talent and invite anyone else you think may be interested! The more the merrier! Thanks!

Lauren Kapusta, Fall Fest Entertainment Coordinator

\$5,000 GRAND RAFFLE

We are excited to announce that this year's raffle will have more winners than ever with 27 chances to win!

Tickets are \$20, 6 for \$100. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing will be held during intermission of the Sunday headliner, approximately 7:30pm.

Purchase tickets at the Fall Fest table this weekend after Masses. Please return any unsold tickets to the Fall Fest table or the Parish Center Office.

\$20 PER TICKET
-OR-
6 FOR \$100
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. DRAWING WILL BE HELD 9/9

GRAND PRIZE \$5,000
SECOND PRIZE \$2,500
5 THIRD PRIZE WINNERS \$500
15 RUNNERS UP \$100 WINNERS
5 EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS FOR \$50 EACH



\$10,000 DIAMOND SPONSOR (1 AVAILABLE)

- Overall Sponsorship of the 2018 Fall Fest. Please call for details.

\$5,000 - \$9,999 PLATINUM SPONSOR

- Sponsorship of the Main Stage on side banner of stage. Please call for details.



\$2,500 - \$4,999 RIDE SPONSOR

- Your organization's name and logo prominently displayed on event flyers that will be distributed in the La Grange and surrounding areas prior to and during the Festival
- A full-year listing of your organization as a "Preferred Provider" in our parish bulletin which is viewed by more than 2,000 Parishioners and community members
- Name on recognition banner at a Carnival Ride of the Festival and on sponsor banner in Beer Tent.
- Logo on all promotional materials, flyers and website
- Name and Logo listed on Fall Fest Shirt and website
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

\$1,500 - \$2,499 SILVER SPONSOR

- Logo on promotional materials, flyers and website
- Name on Recognition Banner
- Name and logo listed on Fall Festival Shirt
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

\$500 - \$1,499 BRONZE SPONSOR

- Name on recognition banner at Fall Festival
- Name listed (no logo) on the Fall Festival Shirt
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands
- Name on promotional materials, flyers and website

\$275 - \$499 CARDINAL SPONSOR

- Name on recognition banner at Fall Festival
- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

If making an "in-kind donation" to the event or basket raffle, please indicate the approximate value of your donation for purposes of sponsor recognition.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Please return sponsorship forms by Friday, August 24th to allow sufficient set up time for recognition. Make checks payable to St. Cletus. Email logos to fallfest@stcletusparish.com. Direct inquiries to the Parish Office 708.352.6209. More information and payment by credit card can be made after July 1st on our website www.stcletusfallfest.com

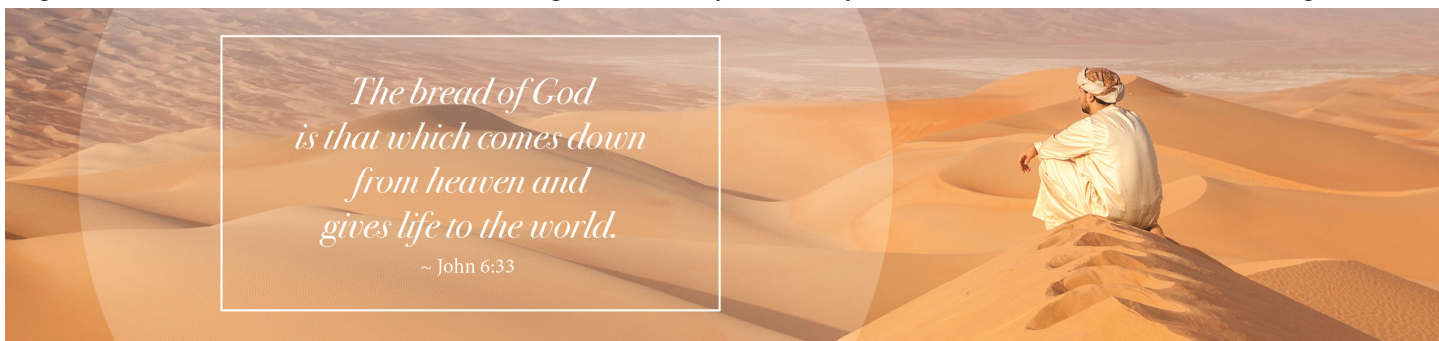
Organization/Name as it should be listed: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Donation (\$): _____ Check here if you would prefer to remain anonymous in all publications.



*The bread of God
is that which comes down
from heaven and
gives life to the world.*

~ John 6:33

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,
22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan
Wednesday: St. Dominic
Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Friday: St. Lawrence
Saturday: St. Clare

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

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

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN!



“Joyful Again” Retreat for the Widowed

August 11 & 12, Mary Queen of Heaven - Elmhurst

“I felt like I was backsliding. Needed a gentle nudge to set me on a path of new hope for the future.”

(Recent attendee.)

For more information contact: Joyful Again!
708-354-7211 or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

P.S. Our website at www.joyfulagain.org offers answers to many questions regarding who should attend this retreat and how long after being widowed.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



MARRIED IN 1968? The Department of Parish Vitality and Mission is happy to announce that the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at St. John Brebeuf Parish 8307 N Harlem Ave. in Niles on Sunday, September 16th, at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary. Go to <https://pvm.archchicago.org/> to register to attend by 9/1.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Join us for our 16th Annual Fall Benefit on Friday, September 28 at 6:30 pm at Capri Banquets , 6240 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL 60525. \$60 per person includes heavy appetizers, beer and wine, cash bar for liquor, silent auction, paddle raise, and entertainment by Tank and the Beez.

RSVP by September 21 online at ICP.gesture.com, by phone (708) 354-9328 or email us at interfaithcommunitypartners@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to: Interfaith

Community Partners, P.O. Box 310, La Grange, IL 60525.

All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Information for singers and performers from Justin Sisul...

Most, if not all of you know that I have been working with the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series (formerly known as the St. Cletus Fine Arts Series) for many years. In October of this year, I will be assuming the role of Artistic Director "Emeritus." This transition is allowing me to craft a concert this fall that looks back at all the series has presented over time, and I'm asking you to consider joining in one more - my last, certainly for a while - choral concert experience at St. Cletus.

Our October 21st performance titled "Of Music and Memories...a Fine Arts Series Retrospective" will try to capture some of the highlights of each of our past concerts. We'll be accompanied by full orchestra where the music calls for orchestration, and piano in other cases. I am excited about the music, the musicians, the section leaders, and hopefully the chance to make music again with each of you.

Rehearsals begin August 19th and are mostly on Sundays 7-9pm. Sign up at www.edwardfinearts.com.



COMBONI MISSIONARIES

The Comboni Fathers Invite You to Join Them at Their Annual COMBONI FEST Saturday, August 25th. 3PM Outdoor Mass, with Festival to follow at the Comboni Mission Center, 1615 E 31st Street, La Grange Park.

Free Admission, Free Kids Activities & Bounce House. Entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos & Nino Folino. Come See the Prizes at our Basket Auction

~ PIG ROAST ~ PIZZA ~ TIKI BAR ~
~ TACOS ~ CANNOLI ~

Volunteers Needed – Please contact us if you can help! 708.354.1999 – ask for Rosina LaPietra. All proceeds benefit the works of the Comboni Missionaries

Community Bulletin Board (continued)

LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL

Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, offers two support programs for those grieving the loss of a loved one through death.

For Adults:

LIVING: WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DIED

Six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning September 5, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Support Groups formed specific to loss. Registration is required with a one-time registration fee of \$25.00

For Children:

THE HEART CONNECTION

Eight Consecutive Mondays, beginning, September 24, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The program is for children ages 3 to 21 years old who have lost a loved one. Program includes dinner free of charge for parents and children. Early registration is required with a one-time \$25.00 registration fee.

For further information or registration please call the Pastoral Care Department, at 708-229-4299 Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DOMINICAN LITERACY CENTER

Be an angel! Make a difference! The Dominican Literacy Center is in great need of women volunteers for its 2018-2019 session, which begins this September. This program offers tutoring in speaking, writing, and reading of English to immigrant women in the Melrose Park area. A time commitment of 1 and 1/2 hours per week is all that is necessary. Classes are held at the Dominican Literacy Center, which is located on the 2nd floor at 1503 Rice St (in Sacred Heart Parish, in Melrose Park). Four consecutive and informative training sessions will be held on the evenings of Aug. 14, 16, 20, and 22. Each training session (held at the Dominican Literacy Center) will begin at 6:30pm. Participants need to attend ALL four sessions.

To volunteer, or to find out more information, please call: Sr. Judith Curran or Sr. Beverly Jeanne at 708-338-0659.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BASILICA

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 3:00PM. Please join us for an organ recital by celebrated concert organist Frederick Hohman in honor of the Rededication of the historic 1902 Lyon & Healy pipe organ at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica. The program will include selections by Bach, Franck, Widor, Vierne, and Eddy. Our Lady of Sorrows

Basilica, 3121 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago IL. Secured parking. Free will offering.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie Trip – Wilmington, IL Friday, August 10 9:45 AM – 3:00 PM

Imagine walking through a field of tallgrass prairie 10 feet tall! We'll do this at Midwin, a 20,000 acre experiment in prairie restoration, where a herd of bison was introduced as a way to help restore a native tallgrass ecosystem on a site dominated by decaying WWII munitions structures and roads. A ranger from the U.S. Forest Service will guide our hike through this healing landscape of grasslands, savanna, wetlands and seeps, upland forests and streams. Cost: \$30, including transportation from The Well. Please register in advance, by August 8. To register: online at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

CHECK OUT OUR EXCITING NEW FALL PROGRAMS!

www.csjthewell.org - Here is a sampling:

ONLINE COURSE! Integral Conscious Evolution: 10 Currents of Change. A Course to Promote Healing and Health for Yourself, Your Organization and Your Planet
September 5 – November 18 Facilitator Pat Bombard, BVM
What are the currents of change positively affecting our personal and collective conscious evolution in the 21st Century? Work through the material (readings, videos, reflections) in this ten week course at your own pace, Cost: \$100

Restorative Yoga

Mondays 11:30-12:30 PM Sept 17, Oct 1, 15, 29, Dec 3, 17
Facilitator Nina Ginocchio. Restorative yoga is the art of practicing relaxation, an opportunity for the nervous system to relax. It is perfect for the brand new beginner as well as for someone with years of experience. Cost: \$60 or \$10 per session

Growing Downward: Day Retreat with Gail Worcelo, SGM

Saturday, October 6 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. There is a line in a poem by the poet/farmer Wendell Berry that says, "I am growing downward." This beautiful image suggests a descent into the Earth Community by discovering ourselves more fully inside the sacred community of life. During our time together, we will explore what it means to "grow downward" through images and directives from the work of Thomas Berry, discovering the "Footprints of God" inside our own lives and translating them into action for our world. Gail Worcelo is the author of *Holy Ground: Where Catholic Tradition and the Universe Story Meet* and cofounder of The Green Mountain Monastery in Vermont. Cost: \$100, includes lunch. Early Bird Special Price of \$75, through September 22nd.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

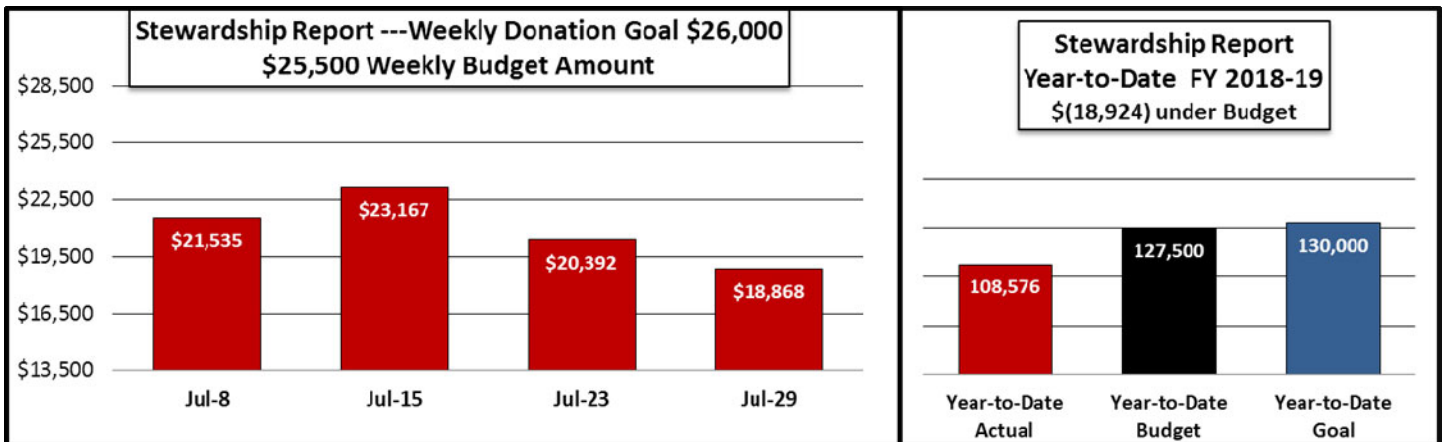
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Sunday, August 5 | 7:00am 7:00am | Narthex/Tent Narthex | Fall Fest Ticket Sales Welcome Committee |
| Monday, August 6 | 8:00pm | PC Gym | Men's Basketball |
| Tuesday, August 7 | 7:00pm | Church | Spanish Holy Hour |
| Wednesday, August 8 | 6:00pm | Church | Collegiate Alumni Volleyball Open Gym |
| Thursday, August 9 | 6:00pm | Rectory Basement | Food Pantry |
| Friday, August 10 | | | |
| Saturday, August 11 | 5:00pm | Narthex/Tent | Fall Fest Ticket Sales |
| Sunday, August 12 | 7:00am | Narthex/Tent | Fall Fest Ticket Sales |

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING 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.

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PARISH CENTER SUMMER 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 Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 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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