

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."
— Psalm 122:1

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us Thanksgiving at 9 a.m.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 27:	Parish Offices are Closed
Nov. 28:	9am Thanksgiving Day Mass
Nov. 29:	Parish Offices are Closed
DEC. 1:	First Sunday of Advent
DEC. 7-8:	Return Giving Tree Gifts
DEC. 8:	7:45am-12:30pm Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast with Santa 5pm Taizé Prayer Service

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of November 25 - December 1, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Shirley Flamm, Jonathan Weidhuner
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Anthony Perkovich, Jacqueline & Ray Rybacki
Thursday	Fr. Clark	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners, Timothy Wojtecki, Delphine Marciszewski, Frank DeBartolo, Bruce Polaski, Frank Crement, Ronald Wojtecki, Ed Koenig
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio, Shirley Flamm, Gene Gajos
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Alice & Edward Vonesh
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Jim Deslauriers, Loretta Morgan, Ken Kakareka, Mary Pizzo, Alberta Kwiatkowski
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, John & Frances Kennedy, Robert McDonnell, Patrick Mahoney, George Duda, Dolores Centka
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, George Krug, Manuel Rodriguez, Jonathan Weidhuner
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Arlene Defino, Edward Pilarski, Sam Colonna, Marie Geraci, Gladys Piakos
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	BC Collins, John Keating, William Garske, Mary McIntyre, Margaret Porcelli, Donald Szczesniak
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

We hope you'll join us for Thanksgiving Mass at 9am Thursday. Please note that the St. Cletus Parish offices will be closed Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving.

The Parish Center office will have normal business hours on Saturday, November 30 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be envelopes in the pews for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

In an effort to collaborate with our sister parishes – St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross – the Advent Reconciliation Service will be at St. John of the Cross on Dec. 17th at 7:00pm. There will not be a service at St. Cletus. St. Francis Xavier's clergy and our priests will assist at St. John of the Cross for this service.

We will continue to have our regular Saturday Confessions from 4:15-4:45pm.

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

Ola Maveety

May she 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.

November - Frank Colonna, Ed Kutcha, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Rachael Schopp

October - Joan Clark, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Shirley Funk, Don King, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski

September - John Duda, Chuck Foerster, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Laura Terrazino, Carol Witkowski, Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING


Whenever there is change in the structure of power, the rise of a new leadership, a transfer of allegiance, then there usually follows much uncertainty, violence, even war between peoples and states. Usually it is only after much compromise and often a great deal of suffering that people can adapt to a new situation, come to terms with the new reality and begin to live in peace once again.

That's the situation in the first reading. Following the death of King Saul there is a power vacuum. For a while, there are two rival factions: one is led by Saul's weak and ineffective son, Ishbaal, the other by the charismatic leader David. The scene in our first reading comes at a time when the matter has finally been decided: David is acknowledged as king of all the people of Israel. Not only is he God's choice, but all the people and their leaders eventually move over to David's side and acclaim him as king. This brings an end to the bloody divisions within the people and opens the way to security, prosperity and peace. For this, David was remembered as the greatest of all Israel's kings, and over the centuries, the Jewish people looked for a descendant of David – another messiah, a man anointed by God – to restore that unity and peace.

In the gospel, Jesus is mocked on the cross for claiming to be that long-awaited king. The people stand looking at him, uncommitted, not sure what to make of him – not attacking Jesus, but far from acclaiming him. The elders – the leaders of the people – are in no doubt. They, together with the soldiers and one of the criminals, taunt Jesus for claiming to be the Christ, the one chosen by God, the so-called "King of the Jews." Whereas David saved the people from internal division and external threat, Jesus is perceived on the cross to be totally incapable of saving even himself, let alone anyone else.

These taunts are reminiscent of Satan's threefold temptation of Jesus: "If you are the Son of God..." PROVE IT. Jesus refused to use his powers for himself then, to dominate or gain control over people. The Devil would return at an opportune time. This is that time, but again, Jesus refuses the temptation to think of himself. Jesus' way is service. Jesus doesn't use his power to save himself. Rather, he is where he has always been throughout his ministry – in the company of those who are most despised and rejected by others. He is among the outcast, hanging between criminals. And his final act is not to save himself, but to save another – the "penitent thief" – by offering him salvation. In the words of St. Paul, Jesus creates a place for him in his kingdom. That means that he will be with Jesus, for Jesus is the kingdom.

As we look at that scene, whose side are we on? Where do we stand as this struggle between the powers of good and evil goes on? Hopefully, we are not among those



who
scream
for Christ's
death. But perhaps we
can see ourselves among the
people – non-committal, waiting to see what will
happen, unable to throw our lot in with Jesus for fear of
what his way may cost in our own lives. Surely Luke
wants us to be like the good thief, acknowledging our
sins, turning to Christ in faith, seeking to belong to his
kingdom.

If we belong to his kingdom, there will be certain consequences in our life. Being loyal to him means seeking to serve as he did, being found among the outcasts, in solidarity with the poor, the powerless, the despised. It means offering and receiving forgiveness. It means quite simply being with the Lord. Jesus promised the thief: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Paradise is an ancient term symbolizing the deepest trust and intimacy between a king and his friends. We can be with Christ in the "today" of our own lives: in prayer and the sacraments, in his word, in serving the poor and needy, in the ordinary events of our lives. As today's final prayer tells us: it is by OUR DAILY LIVING OF HIS GOSPEL that we will be brought to THE JOY OF HIS KINGDOM, to enjoy unending intimacy and friendship with Christ.

Blessings on this Feast of Christ the King,



Fr. Bob Clark

Pastor

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST UPDATE

Our 6th Annual Fall Fest made \$102,000.00. Thanks to everyone for their continued support, we couldn't do it without you.

Save the Dates for Fall
Fest 7, September 10-13,
2020.



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

November 24-26 Book Fair
 November 25 Thanksgiving Prayer Service
 December 12..... Our Lady of Guadalupe School Mass

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Chicago Bulls vs New York Knicks
November 12, 2019



SAINT CLETUS CARDINALS

CASH RAFFLE

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The St. Cletus 8th Grade Girls basketball team had a fun outing to the Bulls Game on November 12.

1ST ANNUAL CARDINAL RAFFLE WINNERS

- Grand Prize Ticket #4249
- 2nd Prize Ticket #2887
- 3rd Prize Ticket #6270

Thank you to the entire St. Cletus Community for your support of the raffle and continued support of St. Cletus School.



6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Sixth grade social studies students made life-size mechanical dioramas to demonstrate the social, political, military, and economic achievements of four of the greatest empires of Mesopotamia.



Gift Cards for Education

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Holiday Cash and Carry Event

Date: Sunday, 12/8/2018
 Time: 7:30am - 12:30pm
 Where: Parish Center

The Shop with Scrip committee will be selling gift cards just in time for the holiday season! We will have a variety of popular vendors (e.g. AMC Theater, Starbucks, Amazon, Shell & Speedway, Dunkin n Donuts, etc)

Please stop by our table for your gift giving needs (we accept cash or check only).

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL FSA ANNUAL BOOK FAIR NOVEMBER 24-26, 2019



The St. Cletus book fair will be open:

- November 24th 9:00am - 12:00pm
- November 25th 8:00am - 4:00pm
- November 26th 9:00am - 8:00pm

The St. Cletus Book Fair is open to everyone, please join us!

Get some books for your kids, or maybe a Christmas present for your grandkids, or a birthday present! Books make great gifts! There will be a large selection of books and plenty of volunteers to help you find what you need.

All the proceeds of the book fair benefit the school and students. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions please contact Katie Malham at mckates42@aol.com.

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Thank you to our 2019 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest Major Sponsors. These businesses will be listed in our Parish Canticle for one year as preferred providers.

Sunday Notes



OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, “You shall shepherd my people Israel” (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalms — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Saturday: St. Andrew

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a “Holy Year,” keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words “and of his kingdom there will be no end” were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism “as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king.” This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

RESTART

When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.

—Anonymous

FORGIVENESS

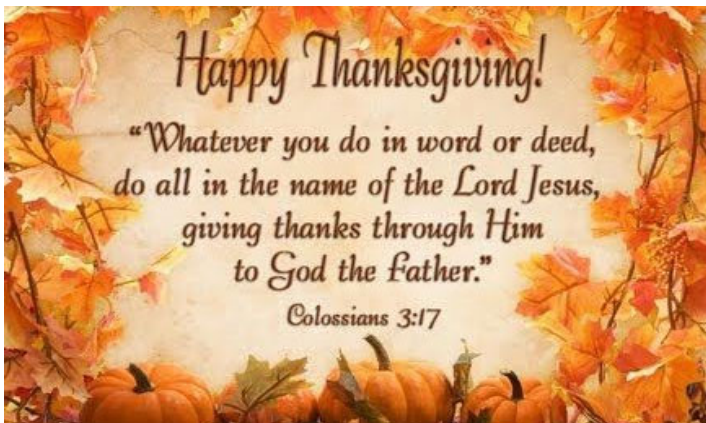
The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

—William Blake

Religious Education

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

During this time of giving thanks, the Religious Education staff wishes to recognize the abundant blessings and gifts we have received from God. We are thankful for the precious gift of our RE families and friends, for those who are actively gathering in our weekly sessions, and those who have served and been formed in the past. We are thankful for God's abundant grace that we encounter each session in our children and volunteers. We see glimpses of heavenly beauty through the eyes of our young children, and delight as we watch them learning to be God's hands and feet in the world. We are especially grateful for our parents who sacrifice and teach their children to be faithful servants, and to our amazing volunteer Catechists and Aides who so generously give of their time and talents to share their faith and the Good News with these children and their families. We ask God to continue to bless us always and in all ways.



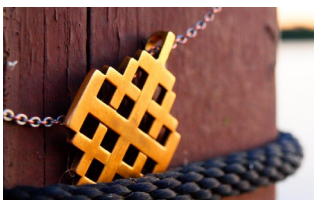
WHAT'S UP NEXT?

- November 24/25 No Classes
- December 1/2 Classes in Session for Special Needs, Early Childhood, Grades 1-8.
Third Grade students and parents attend for our Family Advent Day celebration!
- December 8/9 Classes will be held for Early Childhood, Grades 1-8.
Special Needs class will attend the CCW Ho Ho Holiday Breakfast.
Early Childhood will host their Christmas Pageant
Grades 1-8 will each perform a special Christmas service project for different people in our extended community.
- December 15/16 No Classes
- December 22/23 No Classes
- December 29/30 No Classes

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Youth Ministry

KAIROS 34



November 14th – 17th, 2019, a team of 7 adults and 10 high school teens presented our Fall Kairos 34 retreat to 45 juniors and seniors from Lyons Township High School. God made His presence known

through every conversation, hug, affirmation, and prayer on this retreat, and we are proud to say the retreat was an incredibly experience for all 62 of us! A special thank you to the adult leaders present with us on retreat – Barb Campbell, Dale Czarny, Lee Egan, Henry Morlock, Kevin Parfitt, and Katie Pruitt – we could not have done this without you! Please continue to pray for all those who

participated in this retreat, as they work to continue encountering God in their everyday life.

Missed this Kairos? Interested in attending or having your teen attend Kairos?

Save the Date: Spring Kairos 35 will be March 12th – 15th! Registration forms will become available in the new year.

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 Follow us on Instagram! @stcletus.youthministry

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- pancake syrup
- dish soap
- crackers
- snack items
- laundry detergent
- cereal
- paper and plastic bags

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).

Follow us on facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

 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 UPDATE



Congratulations to Mariano's Western Springs on their grand re-opening! We were lucky to be in attendance and recipients of their generous donation... delivered right to our door with the help of the Western Springs Police Department! Thank you!

TURKEY BUCKS

This month when you do your grocery shopping at the Jewel store across the street from St. Cletus, **please remember to tell your cashier** that you would like to help the St. Cletus Food Pantry by purchasing \$1, \$5, or \$10 in Jewel Turkey Bucks. Your thoughtful donation will help bring a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to a family in our community that otherwise may have gone without. Thank you!



Volunteer Opportunity-Turkey Bucks

Jewel Osco raises funds through their "Turkey Bucks" programs that benefit the St. Cletus food pantry. Customers are able to purchase \$1 or \$5 in "Turkey Bucks" which are used to purchase Thanksgiving Meals for our client families. Volunteers are needed to stand at the Jewel Osco doors and invite customers to donate. Various daily opportunities are available thru November 25. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/35xgTsY>

Volunteer Opportunity-Thanksgiving Meal Distribution

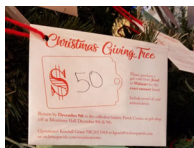
Join us on Monday, November 23 when we hand out the Thanksgiving Meals we get in partnership with the Jewel-Osco Turkey Bucks Program. We offer two shifts. 2:30-4:00pm set up (students can join after school) and 4:00-6:30pm for distribution. Sign up is available here: <http://bit.ly/35xgTsY>

GIVING TREE

SHOP WITH SCRIP

For your convenience the St. Cletus School Shop with Scrip is available in the Narthex today. This is a gift card purchasing program via the school that allows the school to get a percentage of the proceeds as a fundraiser. It does not cost you anything extra to participate. They accept cash/check only.

How it works...



WHITE ENVELOPES (gift cards):

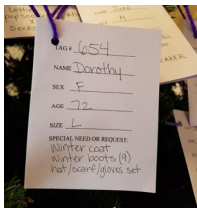
Each envelope lists a dollar amount. We respectfully request that you purchase cards for the *exact amount* listed on the card and then put the card(s) directly in the envelope. We also ask that you *only purchase cards from Jewel and Walmart*. These have been the preferred stores of our clients and they are also easily accessible via public transportation. Envelopes will need to be turned in by Sunday, Dec. 8th at 12:30pm.



GREEN TAGS (food pantry items):

The food pantry will continue to be open during the month of December and we still have many donations that we will need! The green tags list some of our most needed items at this time. If you enjoy purchasing food for those in need and miss the food basket

program, this might be a great option for you. Items can be returned at your convenience to the bins in the Church Narthex.



PURPLE TAGS (gifts):

Gifts are to be returned before/after Masses the weekend of **December 7-8**. Gifts will be returned to Morrissey Hall using the convenient drop off lane on Stone Ave.!

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

GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer slots are now available for our Giving Tree collection (December 7-8) and Distribution (December 15). View slots, availability, age requirements and more at: <http://bit.ly/2PSkRXP>

- The Giving Tree Committee

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the parish website: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns, or contact Kendall Grant.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Vincent dePaul collection. To date, we have raised \$15,100. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity. These funds go directly to helping our neighbors and parishioners in need with rent, utilities, medical bills, and other difficult expenses. Thank you!

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Volunteer drivers needed to transport older adults - Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships and is expanding to the suburbs west of these townships. Volunteers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank,

hairdresser, and church. There is no cost to clients and donations are accepted, if able. Contact ICP at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application and visit them on the web at InterfaithCommunityPartners.org. They provide training and work around your busy life!

AARP TAX-AIDE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2020 TAX FILING SEASON



The AARP Tax-Aide Program is now seeking volunteers for the upcoming 2020 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, 2020. 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



“He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone” (Quas primas, 33).

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TAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH!

St. Cletus Giving Tree

Join us in making Christmas a little brighter for our neighbors in need.



St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

HO HO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Please join us at the 3rd Annual HO HO Holiday Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 8th, 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

This is an event for all ages; couples, singles, families!

Cost is \$5 per person (payable at the door) and includes continental breakfast, crafts for children, a special appearance by Santa PLUS the ever-popular Old-fashioned Cake Walk!

Reservations are requested (by Wednesday, December 4th) but not required; sign up at www.stcletusparish.com/hoho or call/text 708-710-0644 or call 708-215-5423.

This is a joint effort between the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women and the St. Cletus School FSA; we look forward to you joining us!

BAKERS NEEDED FOR THE CAKE WALK AT THE HO HO HOLIDAY BREAKFAST!

We really need your donations! Cakes, bars, cookies...all would be gratefully accepted! Bake or bring...drop off on Saturday, December 7th, between 4 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or early Sunday morning, before 8:30 a.m. When dropping off, please identify your product if it does or does not include nuts! Thank you!

Questions? Call 708-710-0644.

TASTE AND SEE EVENT A SUCCESS

Thank you to our guest chef, Dee Dee Saracco, and everyone who attended our SCCCW event on November 19. We filled the Gallagher Room with wonderful food, conversation and fun. Special thanks to our volunteers who made this event possible. We hope you enjoy these photos from the event.



Other Ministry News

A NOTE FROM FR. GAMBOA

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that my last Mass at La Grange hospital will be on Wednesday, November 27. I would like to express my gratitude to our St. Cletus parishioners and other faithful Catholics in the area who supported the Mass in the hospital chapel during the last 4 years. St. Cletus parish will continue supporting the calls for anointing of the sick.

Let us hold each other in prayer and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move forward in our parish ministry.

God bless us all.
Fr. Lorenzo

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome our RCIA catechumens and candidates and accompany them as they journey to know Christ, deepen their relationship with him and enter into the Faith family we call the Catholic Church. This is a life-long journey for all of us seeking to grow in wisdom, understanding and love of God and to share that love with all we encounter and beyond. Please welcome, pray for, encourage and support our friends in this process of initiation.

Catechumens preparing for all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation):

Brenda Contreras and Jennifer Ceron

Candidates to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation):

Maria Lopez, Julio Fulgencio Loeza & Alexis Ceron, Peggy Montes Sandoval, Anthony Fulgencio, Sofia and Cole Storandt

KOLBE HOUSE JAIL MINISTRY



THE DEACON'S WIFE IS COLLECTING STAMPS AGAIN!

Once again I'm collecting stamps for the Kolbe House Catholic Jail Ministry. These are to be used for the Christmas Card mailings from Detainees to their families. As many of you know I serve as a Catholic Minister for the Kolbe House

Jail Ministry at Cook County. In an effort to keep the detainees connected to their families, Kolbe House is again asking for postage stamps to be used for the detainees Christmas greetings to their families. This annual effort this year is looking to collect 7,000 first class stamps.

If you would like to donate stamps in any denomination (1 cent up to first class postage) please put them in an envelope and drop them off at the parish center marked

"Kolbe House Stamps - c/o Marlene". Thank You on behalf of the detainees at Cook and Lake county jails and the staff and ministers of Kolbe House.

-God Bless You all - Marlene

CREDO



DATES – TIMES – LOCATION

Monday nights for 12 sessions starting January 6th, 2020
St. Cletus Parish Center
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

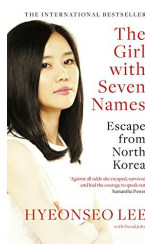
COST – REGISTRATION

Class is free! Book cost \$30.
If you want CREDO to order a book for you, you must register and pay for book by December 15th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See our registration table in the narthex after all masses on Dec 14th and 15th, or call Deb W. at 815-474-6237.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on December 10th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. We will discuss **The Girl with Seven Names** by Hyeonseo Lee.

All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY



“I knew I needed something.” “I wanted things to get better.” “This helped a lot.” (What they say about us.) We understand. We’ve been there. For more information contact us at 708-354-7211, joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, www.joyfulagain.org.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Where is the House of God? And how do We Live when We Find It? Monday, December 2, 7 - 8:30 PM, repeated Tues, Dec. 3, 10-11:30 AM - Wouldn't it be great to live in God's House? Christmas celebrates the indwelling of God within all of creation. We think God is far away – but God's house is all around us. Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ. Cost: \$15

Enneagram – Type 3 (The Performer). Thursday, December 5, 7–8:30 PM - Adaptable, Excelling, Driven, Image-Conscious – do you know anyone like this? In this session you'll hear from a panel of Type 3s and find out what makes them tick. Cost: \$15

Village Vocal Chords Concert, Sneak Peek, and Yuletide Cheer. Sunday, December 8, Sneak Peek of The Well 2 PM, Concert 3 PM - We loved them last year, and they're coming back! The Village Vocal Chords, an all-women's choir, has won awards both in the U.S. and abroad. Come early to get a look at The Well's new digs. After the concert, stick around for some delicious Yuletide treats, and a Christmas fair. Cost: \$10



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission. Network. www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048

TOWNSHIP OF LYONS DEFENSIVE DRIVING

SAVE THE DATE! Township of Lyons (6404 Joliet Rd Countryside) Clerk Mike Porfirio & AARP present Defensive Driving for 50 & Over Wednesday, December 4 & Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 10:00 am. – 2:00 p.m. Class Completion earns auto insurance discount. Cost: AARP member \$15, non-member \$20. Class size limited to 35. Sign up with George Pach, Deputy Clerk 708-482-8300 x 221.

SPIRITO! SINGERS CONCERT

Celebrate the Christmas Season at the SPIRITO! SINGERS Winter Concert “Balulalow ~ Cradle Lullabies”

Join Spirito!'s three choral ensembles as they perform their 2019 Holiday repertoire at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd., Elmhurst) on Saturday, December 7th at 4pm and Sunday, December 8th at 3pm.

To order tickets please go to: <https://www.spiritosingers.org/winter-concerts> or call 630.581.5440.

MATER CHRISTI HOLY NAME SOCIETY

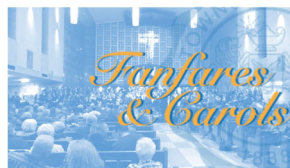
Turkey Shoot 2019 - Mater Christi Holy Name Society is hosting its annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 24th - 10:30am to 4pm at the school in Menarik Hall; 2400 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside. Free admission. Turkeys will be raffled off every 5 minutes! Ham, Prasky, Salami, Bread, Houska,

Pumpkin Pie, Kolacky and other Grocery items are available to win! Food & Beverages are served. Split the pot and pulltabs with cash prizes will be available. There is also a childrens fun fair and refreshments available. For more information call 708.442.5611. BRING THIS BULLETIN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A TURKEY OR BAG OF GROCERIES IN A SPECIAL RAFFLE!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

The Catholic High School Entrance Exam will be administered on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 8 a.m. Consult the Catholic high school where the student wishes to enroll for the 2020/2021 school year for more information.

LTHS FANFARES AND CAROLS 12/5



St. Cletus Parish will once again host the LTHS Fanfares and Carols Concert. Join us on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30pm or 8:00pm for this wonderful concert.

LTHS HOLIDAY WRITE NIGHT 12/10

Kindergarten through 3rd Graders are invited to the LTHS annual Holiday Write-Night “A Frozen Christmas” on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 4:00-6:30pm at Lyons Township High School South Campus Discovery Center. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favorite Frozen best, Blackhawk jersey or Holiday finery!

Write to Santa at the North Pole and Santa will write back! Santa's helpers will be here to show them how. Enjoy more holiday fun with face painting, coloring, cupcake decorating, Frozen: Sing-A-Long, stories about Christmas around the World. Entertainment and refreshments served by LT students.

RSVP by Friday, December 6th. Call: 708-579-7433 or e-mail: bsalutric@lths.net or Register on-line at: <http://www.lths.net/HolidayWriteNight>. Please include last name, how many children and how many adults will be attending. Cost: Please bring one can of food per participant which will be donated to a local food pantry.

LEGATUS

Legatus of Downtown Chicago is currently seeking a Chapter Administrator. Legatus is an international organization of Catholic business leaders and spouses committed to studying, living, and spreading the Faith. The Chapter Administrator will support the board of directors and be responsible for all administrative duties, event coordinating, program planning, and membership growth and retention. Work will be part-time and primarily from home. Inquiries, resumes and cover letters may be emailed to Amy Dillon at adillon@legatus.org.

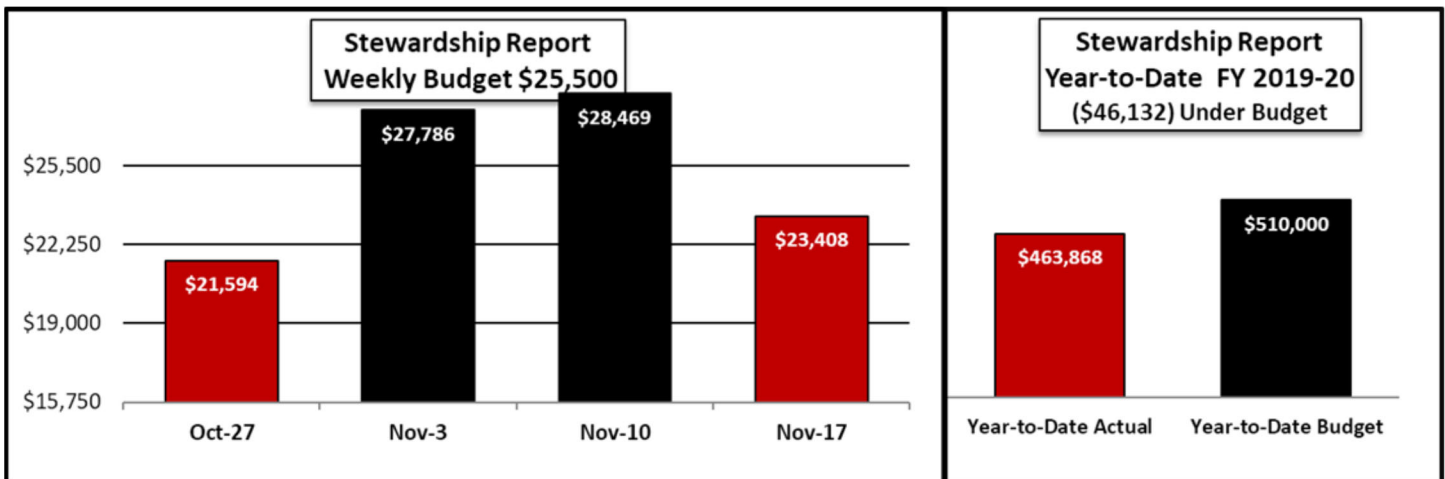
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, November 24	7:00am 9:00am 2:00pm	Narthex Morrissey Hall Morrissey Hall Lobby	Giving Trees Book Fair Holy Name Society Turkey Distribution
Monday, November 25	8:00am 2:00pm 4:00pm 8:00pm	Morrissey Hall Church School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Book Fair School Prayer Service Junior Choir Rehearsal Men’s Basketball
Tuesday, November 26	9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm 7:15pm	Morrissey Hall School Church School Music Room	Book Fair School Parent Teacher Conferences Spanish Holy Hour Combined Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 27			All Facilities Closed after 8:00am Mass
Thursday, November 28			No 8am Mass All Facilities Closed after 9:00am Mass
Friday, November 29			All Facilities Closed after 8:00am Mass
Saturday, November 30	3:30pm 5:00pm	Parish Center Gym Narthex	Boys Church League Giving Trees
Sunday, December 1	7:00am 8:00am 9:15am 12:00pm 2:00pm	Narthex Parish Center Mtg Room School School Room 102 Morrissey Hall	Giving Trees RE Special Needs Class RE Classes in Session RCIA Teens Girl Scout Tree Trimming

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING




Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?

Visit www.steletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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.

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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