

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

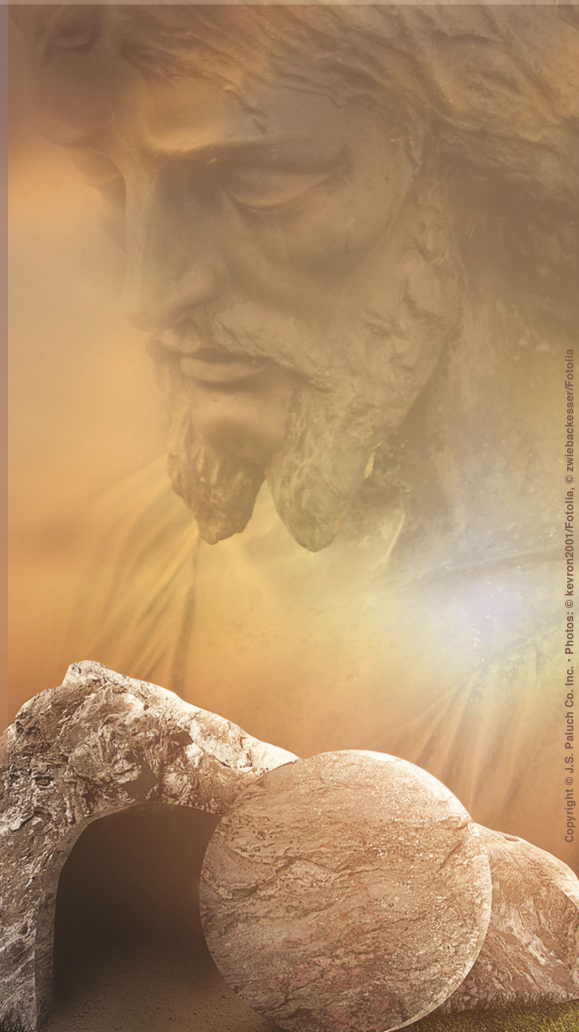
The fruit of righteousness
is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.
— James 3:18



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Son of Man
is to be handed
over to men and
they will kill him,
and three days
after his death
the Son of Man
will rise.

Mark 9:31



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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept. 28 St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Bunco Bash
- Oct. 6 Choose Kindness 5K Run/Walk
- Oct. 21 Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus Concert

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 24 - 30, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Russ Evans
Tuesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Helen Callaghan, Ted Dunbar, John Battistoni, Tom Cannon
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Joseph Vieceli
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Jim Smilor, Beverly Gutierrez
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Jim Smilor
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bill Reichmann Cindy Masiliunas, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Gene Mazurek, Ken Kakareka, Lisa Gabriel, George A. Popp
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Raymond & Margaret Shaughnessy Stacy Baker St. Cletus Parishioners Gene Kennedy, Ken Herzog, Valerie Moskus, Gail Saban Armando Almazan

Marriage Banns



Brooke Pieczara & Daniel Rowe

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

Maryann Scalise
Wife of Frank Scalise

May she rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

**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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



SEMINARIAN
EDUCATION FUND

Forming Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Archdiocese of Chicago Seminarian Education. This fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

A letter from Cardinal Cupich can be found on page 5 of this week's Canticle. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

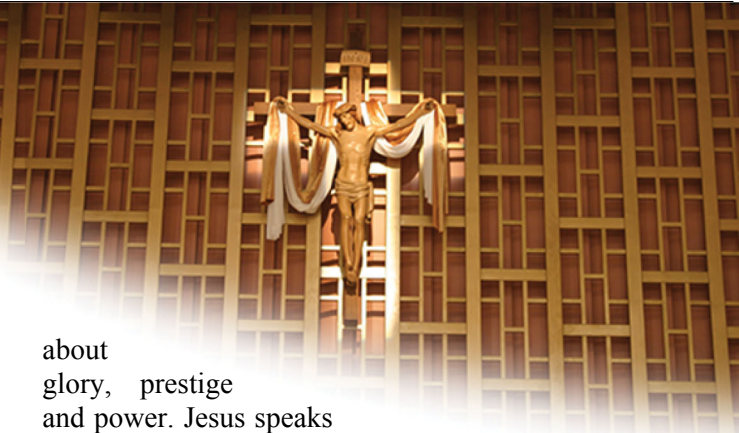
Notes from Fr. Bob...

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The fourteenth century was a time of frequent wars and bloodshed in the city states of Italy. It was so bad that a nobleman, Bernardo Tolomei, withdrew to an isolated mountain, Monte Oliveto, together with other like-minded men, to found a monastery. There, the community spent its time in prayer and religious life, far removed from the violence and evils of the world. However, in 1348, the Great Plague swept through the nearby city of Sienna, and the community faced a choice of whether to stay in the security of their religious life, or to come down from their mountain sanctuary. They decided they could not stand by, watching people suffer and die, without attempting in some way to alleviate their suffering. They came down from their monastery and, despite the risks to themselves, spent their time ministering to the sick and dying. The whole community of eighty monks was wiped out by the plague – a danger they had been only too aware of.

There is always a cost involved in service; just as there is always a need for us to come down from our “spiritual mountain”. On the mountain which Jesus and his disciples had just left, they had seen Jesus transfigured – they had glimpsed his divinity as God’s Son, and they had wanted to remain there on the mountain – to build three tents, three shrines to prolong that marvelous religious experience. But they had to come down – to leave that experience behind. Jesus wanted to explain to his disciples the nature of his mission – to be a servant to all, and that this would inevitably lead to him paying the cost of his life: he would be a ransom for many. Three times after that mountain top experience, Jesus explained that his mission would lead to his passion, death and resurrection, and that his disciples would have to make that same journey in their own lives. But the disciples are slow to understand, even though Jesus specifically takes them away from the crowds to teach them.

They are afraid to ask him what he means. Perhaps they don’t ask because the last time Jesus spoke of his impending death: Peter had protested that this must not happen, and for his pains, Jesus had called him “Satan”, accusing him of thinking as man thinks, not as God thinks. But perhaps too, the disciples simply prefer not to know what Jesus is talking about. He keeps referring to suffering and death, but they are obviously more interested in who is the greatest. They wonder which of them will get the important jobs, the key positions, in the kingdom which they are sure Jesus, as the Messiah, is about to establish in Jerusalem. The real news hasn’t sunk in about the true nature of discipleship. They think it is



about
glory, prestige
and power. Jesus speaks
simply in terms of service – and of
the cost of service. It is as if the disciples are still up there
on their religious mountain, refusing to come down to
face the consequences – and the cost – of their faith in
Christ.

What does Jesus’ teaching about the need to be “servant of all” and to “welcome little children” mean for us today? A child is someone of no legal status – in a sense, an unimportant person. Anything done to or for a child is done simply for the sake of the child, without hope of reward or advantage. They provided an opportunity to show genuine, disinterested love, unfeigned respect. This is to be the hallmark of Christ’s disciples: that they will love without hope of profit or reward; that we will respect the intrinsic dignity and worth of others, no matter what their position, power or wealth. God loves unconditionally. When we love like that, then we do not just love like God, we love God himself. In welcoming the lowest and the least important, we are – in a very real way – welcoming and worshipping God. We are coming down from our religious mountain and really putting our faith into practice. There is always a price to be paid for true service – love is not cost-free, even though that is an illusion which we – like the disciples – like to maintain. But Christ’s teaching about the need to be prepared to suffer and die also contains the promise that this road leads to the glory of the resurrection. Like the monks of Oliveto, we have to decide if we want the illusion of pure, unsullied religion, or whether we are ready to get our hands dirty in serving real people in real situations, no matter the cost. That is the only way to offer real love to God, and the only way to enter real, eternal life .

Peace in Service,



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

September 28.....Grandparents/Special Persons Mass
 October 6St. Cletus Choose Kindness 5K
 October 19-22 Oktoberfest Fun-raiser at Kenny's

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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ST. CLETUS
Queen of Hearts
RAFFLE

BUY TICKETS DAILY AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB.

DRAWINGS MONDAYS AT 7PM AT KENNY'S.



THANK YOU BISHOP MANZ

St. Cletus Church hosted Most Reverend John R. Manz as he celebrated Mass last Friday for 7th and 8th Graders from 8 local schools before their retreat.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at over **\$10,850!**

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, September 24th.

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).

CHOOSE KINDNESS 5K RUN/WALK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH



100 Yard Dash - 8:00 a.m. Open to children age 7 and under. Race starts at the corner of Stone Avenue and 54th Street. Medals will be awarded to all children who participate.

5K Run/Walk - The 5K will begin following the completion of the 100 yard dash. The course is certified by the USATF. Strollers and dogs are welcome. Medals will be awarded to the top two female and male finishers age 14 and younger and the top two female and male finishers age 15 and older.

Online registration available until October 3. You also can register in-person during packet pick up on October 5 or on race day in the Parish Center from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. \$15 entry fee when you register online before October 3. \$20 entry fee after October 3. T-shirt included to the first 200 registrants.

Race bibs and t-shirts will be available for pick-up in the Parish Center on October 5 from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on race day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

More info: <https://stcletusschool.com/fundraising/5k/>



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September 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we come together to celebrate the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Chicago through our annual second collection. The men we acknowledge today are the future leaders of our Church. Your past support of this collection has made a significant impact on each seminarian and I ask you to join me again this year in contributing to the Seminarian Education Second Collection.

The critical education and training needed to successfully shepherd parishes, administer the sacraments, and strengthen our Church is made possible by both your prayers and financial support. There are currently 64 seminarians preparing for a life of service as archdiocesan priests, and their enthusiasm to evangelize our faith is inspiring.

Your contributions to this collection alleviate monthly expenses such as tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance for each seminarian and will be used solely for the formation of new priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Remittance envelopes have been provided to your parish, or you are welcome to contribute online at www.archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

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).

Thanks to the students, teachers, and staff at Gurrie Middle School for their food drive donations!

Follow us on Facebook:
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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

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



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Archdiocesan Mass

The Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry of Chicago invites you to the 3rd Annual Archdiocesan-wide Mass for Domestic Violence Survivors Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 5:15pm Holy Name Cathedral

Join us to pray for an end to domestic violence. Be the voice of the Catholic Church in Chicago.

Denise's Story

Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00PM
St. Cletus Parish Center 600 W. 55th St. La Grange

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.

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 left.

You are not alone.

WORD OF LIFE



“We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion”, www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e
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RESPECT LIFE

"If you want peace, work for justice. And if you want justice, defend life!"
 Saint Pope John Paul II

Thank you to all who attended our recent Respect Life Info meeting. If you weren't able to attend the meeting but would like to be added to our email list or would like more information, please contact Kendall Grant.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
 6:30 pm

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



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 online at ICP.gesture.com, (708) 354-9328 or email us at interfaithcommunitypartners@gmail.com.

BEDS PLUS VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers Needed - We never tire of singing the praises of our volunteers. They are the heart and soul of our mission. They donate countless hours of their time to those in need in our community. Most volunteers have been serving for 5 years or more, developing deep friendships along the way. Interested in joining us?

Working in teams, Site Volunteers staff our shelters throughout the night and serve meals at dinner and breakfast. During the week, volunteer Cook Teams prepare and deliver delicious meals together. Working from home, Laundry Volunteers help by washing sheets and blankets at home. We also have administrative and fundraising roles to fill.

All prospective and new volunteers must attend one volunteer orientation. You'll learn how you can help plus you'll meet great people with similar interests!

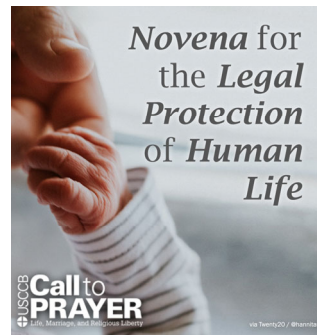
Volunteer Orientation Dates - Orientations are held the second Monday of each month in La Grange or in Worth on the fourth Monday of the month, beginning at 7pm. Please contact Flo Breitbarth at breitbarth@beds-plus.org or Erin Molek at volunteer@beds-plus.org for more information. Get started by filling out this google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/QaIrf7nDwVU2Xqei2>

PILLARS COMMUNITY HEALTH



Save the date for The Ball, Pillars Community Health's largest fundraising event, January 19, 2019, at the Oak Brook Hills Hilton Resort. Join us for an evening of casino-style gaming, interactive raffles, dancing, a three-course meal with open bar, and much more. More info: <https://pillarscommunity.org/the-ball/>

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA



Each Friday, from August 3-September 28, the weekly Call to Prayer is adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the

intention of the novena each week. Participants are also provided with weekly opportunities to learn more about Roe v. Wade and share that information with their representatives. It's okay to jump in even after it's started! Join at www.usccb.org/pray.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 2

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 25, 7-9 pm, at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Workshop co-facilitator Dennis Hamilton will provide a presentation on identifying your skills and quantifying your accomplishments which are the keys to preparing a compelling resume and "elevator speech." Not exactly sure what type of job in which you are interested in or thinking about making an entire career change? Co-facilitator Jim Peterson will discuss how to assess your skills and prepare a strategy to make the change you want. There are no dues/fees for attending the Boot Camp. All are encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. There is no cost for attending the Boot Camp and everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. Meetings will be in Westminster Hall; please enter church on Catherine Ave. For information, contact Susan at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

Other Ministry News

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



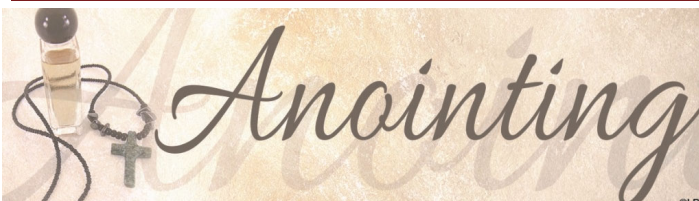
Come one come all to the Council of Catholic Women's Fundraiser Bunco Bash to benefit our scholarship fund on Friday, September 28th from 7-10pm. You won't want to miss this fun filled night. For just \$20 per person you'll receive snacks & beverages, including wine & non-alcoholic drinks, not to mention prizes!

Don't know how to play Bunco? That's fine! Here's a sneak preview. We sit at tables of 4 and roll 3 dice. The first time you count one's, the second time two's, the third time three's & so on to six. Each time you roll the specified number you get one point. If you roll 3 of a kind, but not the specified number, you get 5 points. If you roll 3 of a kind & it is the specified number you Bunco & win! So winning happens that way or getting to 21 points before anyone rolls a Bunco. Might sound complicated but it's easy to catch on with your table mates.

So round up 3 folks & get your own table of 4 or come solo & we'll set you up with partners.

Tickets will be on sale after all masses September 22nd & 23rd in the narthex. You can also order tickets by calling Donna at 708-246-5509 or email her at dlluczak@aol.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

MASS OF ANOINTING SEPTEMBER 29TH



There will be a Mass of Anointing on Saturday, September 29th at 11:00 a.m. This most Holy Sacrament will be offered for the sick of the parish and community. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA BEGINS OCTOBER 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

A NOTE FROM DEACON STUART



Dear Parish Family,

Every year, the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago come together to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. We do this with a dinner and a fundraising event, which will take place on October 7th.

Monies raised at the St. Francis Dinner support the following activities: several charities that serve the poorest and most marginalized (orphans, the mentally ill, the homeless, and the recovering), continuing theological and ministerial education for deacons and wives, a mutual aid fund for deacons in need, and operating funds for the Diaconate Council.

This year, I am asking if you'd be interested in purchasing a booklet of 6 raffle tickets for \$25. The first prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 winner, with two \$100 winners, and six \$50 winners.

If you'd be interested in taking a chance (winner need not be present!) and purchasing a book, see directions below.

We are a nonprofit organization and all donations qualify as a charitable donation.

Thank you for your support of the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Marlene and I truly are blessed to be part of St. Cletus.

Thank you again! God bless you all!
Deacon Stuart

TO BUY THE TICKETS PLEASE WRITE A CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "DIACONATE COUNCIL" AND SUPPLY THE NUMBER OF RETURN ADDRESS LABELS IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED FOR MY ATTENTION. I WILL AFFIX THE LABELS ENTER THE STUBS IN THE RAFFLE AND LEAVE THE TICKETS AT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

FLU SHOTS 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.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY IS ON OCTOBER 7TH



On October 7th the Living Rosary will pray the entire Rosary at 12:10 in the Parish Center. What a beautiful gift to send to Heaven on this feast day. It takes about 90 minutes so come and stay as long as you can, but it is very moving to walk with Mary and Jesus through the mysteries of their lives. To get ready for this celebration, the Living Rosary is hosting a table in the

church narthex on the weekend of September 29 and 30th. Stop by and bring a rosary for repair, get a new rosary or devotional article. Join us in praying for our church, for the intentions of St. Cletus and to respond with love to Mary's call. So many parishioners have given rosaries for

us to repair and share; this table is the fruit of their efforts. Thank you so very much.

JOIN THE LIVING ROSARY

You can also join others in praying the rosary before the 8am weekday Masses or right after the 11:00 Mass on Sundays (in the Children's room) or join the Living Rosary. Their members agree to say an assigned decade of the rosary at their convenience each day. The other mysteries are said by fellow Living Rosary members and together nine entire rosaries are said each day. Your mystery takes on a deeper, fuller meaning as you pray it each day. Just ask us about joining the Living Rosary at our table. We are recruiting people to say the Luminous Mysteries so come and take this step closer toward Our Mother in Heaven.

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Shay Roger Tyrell

Son of Keri Miller & Brian Tyrrell

Emmalynn Victoria Ragusa

Daughter of Shannon Lawson & Daniel Ragusa

Asher Robert Poznecki

Son of Margaret Hegeman & Robert Poznecki

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



Everyone should mark their calendars to attend the first concert of our 2018-19 Series, "Of Music and Memories...a Fine Arts Series Retrospective" which will be held in St. Cletus Church on October 21st at 4pm. This performance 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. A reception for Justin Sisul will follow the concert.



Other Ministry News (continued)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS BACK IN SESSION!

Please be careful on Sundays and Mondays around the St. Cletus Campus as we have hundreds of amazing children attending classes. Please be especially vigilant in the Parking lot and on 54th Street. Keep in mind that there is no parking on 54th Street on Sunday mornings during class times (8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.) and Monday evenings (5:15-7:45 p.m.). Thank you for keeping our children safe!

If you haven't yet registered your child for RE, there is still time! Please complete the registration forms found on the website and return them to the RE Office as soon as possible so that we can get your child into the next possible class.

FALL FEST RAFFLE WINNERS

*Congratulations to our 2018
Fall Fest Raffle Winners!*



Grand Prize: Doug R.

Second Prize: Joe D.

Third Prize Winners: Helen F., Jim M., Jon P., Jimmy S., John W.

Runners Up: Allan K., Dan R., Richard C., John T., Jeanine S., Jack P., Steve M., Lucy V., Lois J., Rita E., Michael F., Julie R., Mary Ann C., Ed M., Rose C.

Early Bird Winners: Cynthia R., Marianne H., Steven M., Agnes W., Carol P.

TV Raffle Winners: Tom C., Barb C.

All winners have been contacted. Winners should come to the Parish Center Office (in the new building) to pick up their prize. Please bring your ticket stub.

FALL FEST T SHIRTS

We still have shirts from the fest available for purchase in the parish center office. 2018 Grey Short Sleeve shirts are \$15, White Short Sleeve shirts are \$6. A limited number of vintage 2017 shirts are also available - \$5 Grey Short Sleeve and \$1 White Short Sleeve. Stop by the parish center 9am-5pm Monday through Saturday or Sunday 8am-12:30pm. We accept cash or check.

ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY POT LUCK

Saturday, October 13th, 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

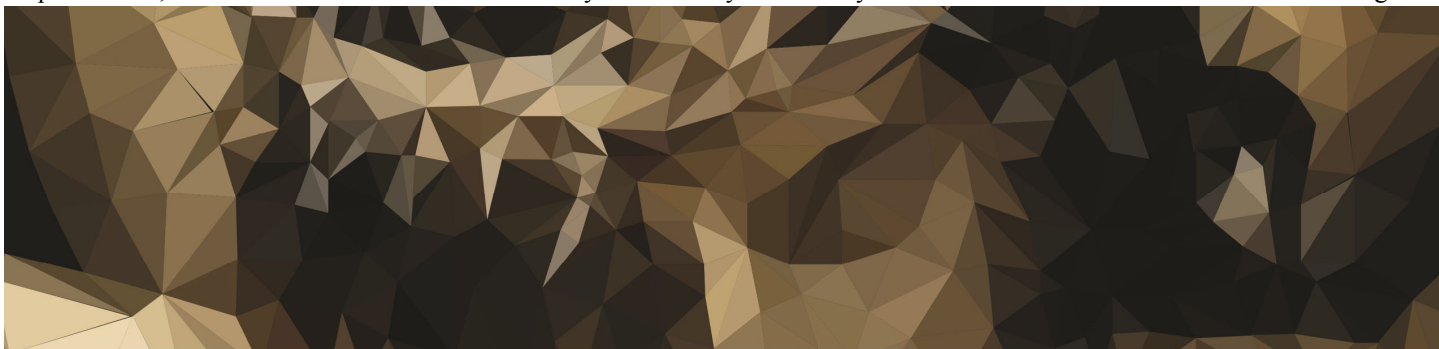
Singles, couples, families with children, ALL are invited to attend this event being sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women. We will provide a main dish but we'd like you to bring your favorite dish (to serve 8-10 people) and join us for an evening of good food and friendship. You won't want to miss this informal & fun gathering to acquaint and re-acquaint yourself with fellow parishioners. 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 will be available soon for you to fill out with your name, number attending, type of dish, and ingredients to place 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 emailing us at ccw@steletusparish.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

5th Annual St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalms — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins

Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul

Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus

Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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

EXAMPLE

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.

—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.

LEGACY GUILD GOLF OUTING



Sponsorship Opportunities, Bags Tourney and Dinner tickets are available for The Legacy Guild Fall Golf Outing Sept 28th at the La Grange CC. Donation of raffle prizes would also be appreciated! Help provide college scholarships for local students who have lost a parent.

More Info: <https://thelegacyguild.com/golf-event>. Contact Bob Brogan at: 708-243-7004 or Bob Bock at 708-646-9047

HODGKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Behind the Curtain:

An Insider's Look at the Financial Aid Process

FREE SEMINAR for Parents of High School Students on Wednesday, October 17th, 2018 from 6:30-8:00pm

Hodgkins Public Library, 6500 Wenz Ave. Hodgkins, IL 60525

Registration Required – Space Limited. Call 708-579-1844.

ST. MARY'S RIVERSIDE CRAFT SHOW

We are currently looking for crafters for our upcoming St. Mary Mingle Jingle Art and Craft Show to be held Friday, Nov. 30, 2018. If interested in a table, please contact Dawn Walczak at walczakstmary@gmail.com or (708) 956-7266.

COSSITT SCHOOL CONSIGNMENT SALE

Cossitt School, conveniently located at 115 West Cossitt Ave in La Grange, will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, September 29th from 8am - 1pm. Don't miss this huge selection of over 25,000 name brand items from Infant to Size 16!

HITZEMAN FUNERAL HOME

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings.

After the death of a loved one we can experience a wide range of emotions. To help us manage, by default, we generally rely on family and friends. While family and friends are important, they may not always be equipped to provide what you need. This is when other resources available to grievors can be valuable. In this discussion group, we will talk about what some of these resources are.

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. by Oct. 5 to 708-485-2000 or info@hitzemanfuneral.com. Refreshments will follow. For more info - www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. To register online or more info: www.csjthewell.org or 708-482-5048

Practicing Peace Mondays 11AM – Noon Sept 24; Oct 8, 22; Nov 12, 26; Dec 10 Facilitator: Jackie Schmitz, CSJ

In our world where anger, hatred and fear lead to so much suffering, more than ever, we need to find ways to cultivate peace, kindness, and reverence for life. Join us for an hour of Centering Prayer that includes music, silence and peaceful relaxation. Cost: \$10 per session

Finding Jesus Among Muslims: Book Discussion with Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min. Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, October 11 & 18, November 1 & 15

Want to explore the Catholic Church's understanding of Muslims and interfaith dialogue? Come join the presentations of Dr. Mary Jo Curtsinger, CSJ, D.Min., and group discussion of a great little book *Finding Jesus Among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me A Better Catholic* by Jordan Denari Duffner. You may attend **any or all** of the sessions. Cost: Optional free will offering, and buying the book, on your own through Amazon, or pickup through Sr. Mary Jo (\$19).

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't miss out on the upcoming marriage enrichment on Oct. 12-14, 2018 that starts with a private weekend experience and never ends! For more information and to apply, go to wwme-chicagoland.org.

IC CATHOLIC PREP

ICCP Block Party 217

Saturday, September 29, 2018, Doors Open at 7:00pm

Tickets: \$40/per person. Purchase online: <http://bit.ly/Block217>

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

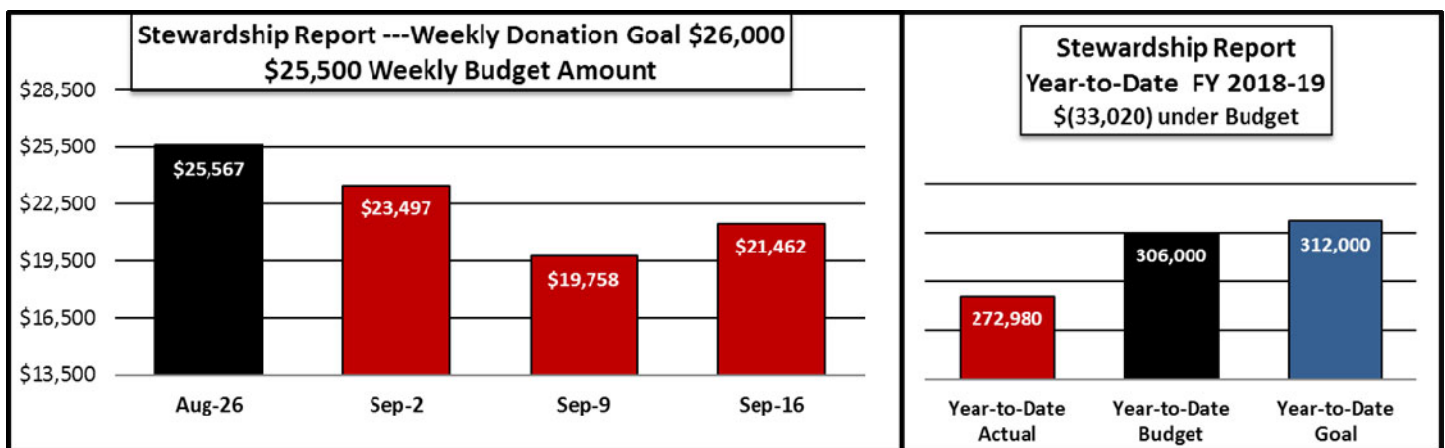
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 23	7am 9am 1pm 7pm	Narthex Stone Ave to LTHS Parish Center Mtg Rooms School Music Room	CCW BUNCO Ticket Sales Homecoming Parade KAIROS Meeting Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal
Monday, September 24	4pm 8pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, September 25	6:30pm 7pm 7pm	Rectory Basement School Room 102 Church	PPC SVDP Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, September 26	9am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, September 27	9am 5pm 6pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room Rectory Basement School Music Room	School Mass Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, September 28	1:15pm 7pm	Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Grandparents/Special Persons Day Mass CCW BUNCO Bash
Saturday, September 29	11am 5pm	Church Narthex	Anointing Mass Rosary Tables
Sunday, September 30	7am 1pm 7pm	Narthex Parish Center Mtg Room School Music Room	Rosary Tables KAIROS Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal

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 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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