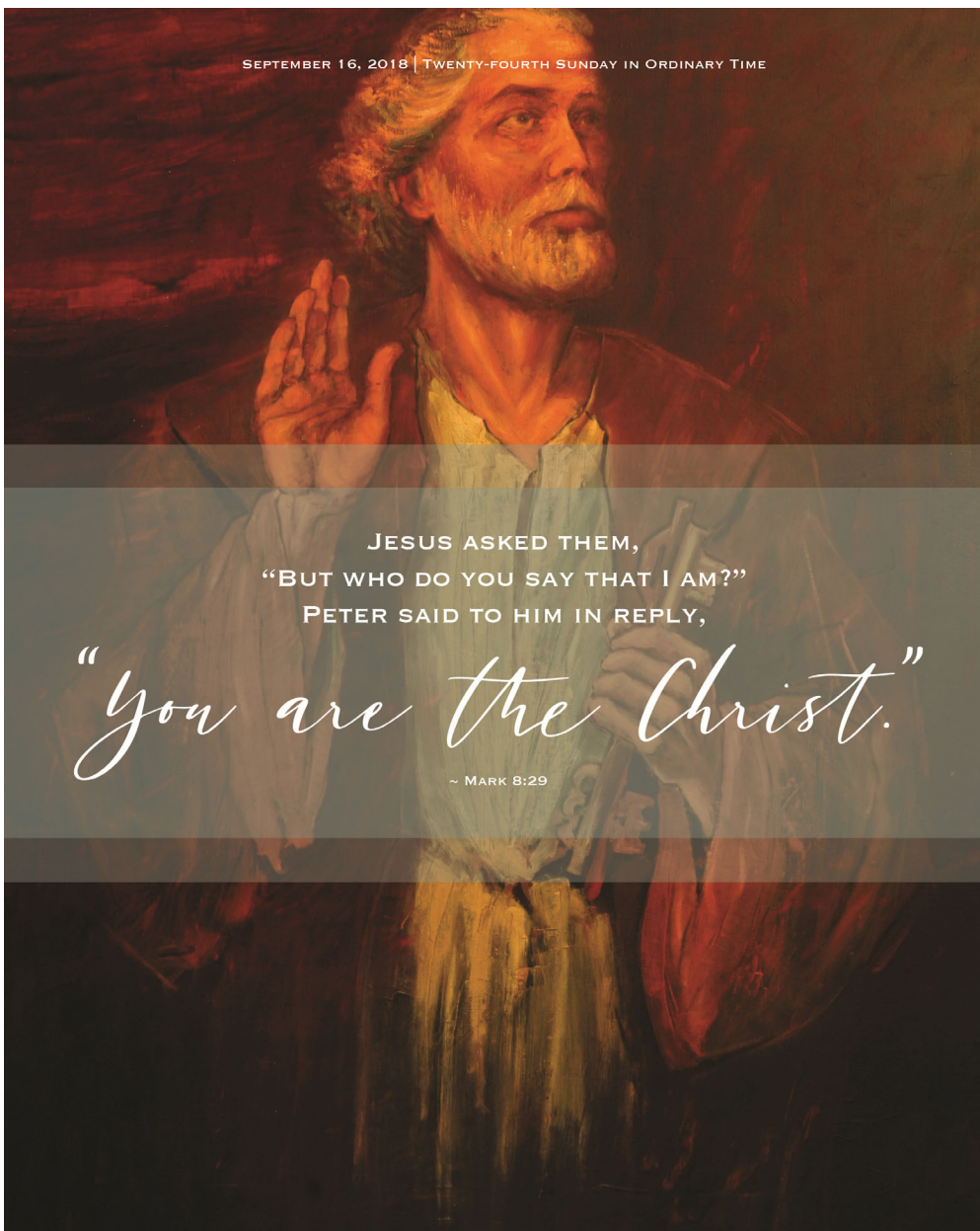


Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,
“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

“You are the Christ.”

~ MARK 8:29

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of September 17 - 23, 2018

Day	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Bill Reichman, Teresa O'Connor
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Karen Gorak
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Wayne Kral
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Bill Reichmann
	Fr. Clark	5:00 p.m.	Ken Kakareka, Lisa Gabriel, Barbara Gaetano, George A. Popp
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Dolores E. Kuchta
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker
	Fr. Gamboa	9:30 a.m.	Nancy Chebuhar, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Rosanne Lodato, Michael Winters
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, Fernando Cabral, Julie Kerrigan
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Armando Almazan

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

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.

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!

Marriage Banns



Brooke Pieczara & Daniel Rowe

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Living Our Faith, Building Our Future

The Final Phase

This weekend there will be a second collection this weekend to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign: Final Phase. Thank you for your continued generous support.



Notes from Fr. Bob...

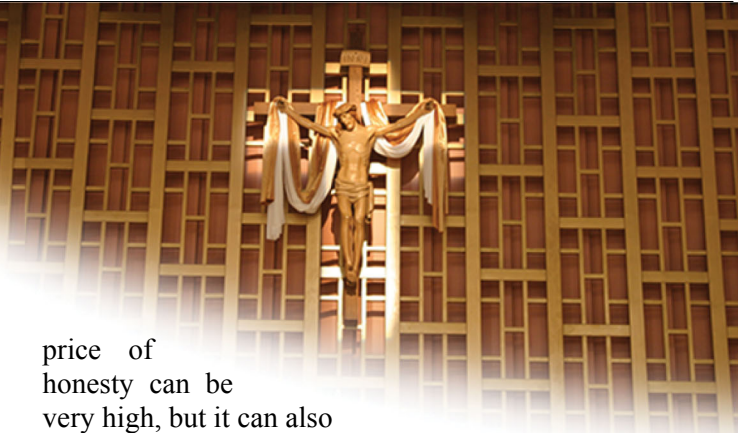
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the nineteenth century, Karl Marx described religion as the 'opium of the people'. He criticized churches for offering false hope to people by talking about eternal life but not addressing their earthly poverty: the unjust working conditions in which they labored the appalling social conditions in which they lived. The caricature of religion presented by Marx does not recognize the struggle of countless men and women who have tried to live the commandment to 'love God and love neighbor'. At the same time, some presentations of Christianity can suffer from criticism that Marx made. Focus on the joy of eternal life and the victory of resurrection can sound hollow to people who experience pain or suffering in this world. The pain of grief may be ignored or the wounds of violent relationships glossed over. To live the Christian message is to acknowledge and live through the presence of the cross in life. In Mark's account of the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus wept and experienced terror and anguish. He prayed that he would not have to endure the cross but asked only for the courage to do God's will.

Who do you say I am? Jesus caused confusion among the people to whom he preached because he healed and forgave sinners. Some misunderstood him; others thought that he was Elijah or another Old Testament prophet. Peter was able to recognize him as the Christ, the anointed one, the one for whom the Jewish people had hoped and waited. Like many present-day disciples, Peter only half understood the message of Jesus. Like many other Jews, he hoped for an earthly messiah who would liberate Israel from Roman occupation. This messiah would be victorious and clearly revealed as the hope of Israel. Thus, he could not accept that the Jewish leaders would reject Jesus and suffer death on a cross. This was scandalous. He protested against this message. His ways of thinking were very narrow and he was criticized by Jesus for his short-sightedness.

It is comforting for us that Peter, who walked and ate with Jesus and who knew from reading the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah that the Old Testament prophets were insulted and suffered, could be so mistaken. If he can make such mistakes, then it is not surprising that we can do the same.

However, no matter how often we may get it wrong, what always matters is our integrity. For example in business today we hear the term 'whistle-blower'. It describes the person who goes public about some malpractice or injustice. There comes a point where conscience demands that the harm and injustice be exposed. The



price of honesty can be very high, but it can also be prophetic. To stand out in faith for the rights of others can lead to personal suffering, insult and scorn in the workplace. While the feelings are painful, this is the time to trust in God and to pray through the mystery of the cross.

In such situations, people may feel unsupported and distanced from their friends. It can be a lonely place when one knows that the right thing has been done but was not welcome. To try and live through the pain is difficult. By the same token the instinctive response of the friend may be to try and superficially cheer up the one who is suffering. The temptation in this is that we try to bypass the reality of the cross. Sometimes we can only be like John and the women who stood by at the foot of the cross. In this way we give witness together to the pain that living the Christian message entails.

In the early 1960's, Martin Luther King wrote about the suffering that must be endured by the Afro-American before his dream of equality and dignity could be realized. However, he recognized that Good Friday would give way to Easter Sunday. To live through Good Friday is the difficult task. Christians place their hope in the resurrection and the victory of Christ over suffering, sin and death. The image of three days in the tomb offers the hope of victory, but the three days may prove a very long time. Support and reassurance can be a mighty help in the dark days. The love and presence of the neighbor can give a person the hope needed to carry on. Be sure it is the faithful, loving, and authentic witness to the invitation of Jesus to take up the cross.

Peace,



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

September 20..... 9am All School Mass
 October 6St. Cletus Choose Kindness 5K
 October 8.....No School

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL QUEEN OF HEARTS

The St. Cletus Queen of Hearts 50/50 Raffle continues with the roll over pot sitting at over \$9500!

Visit Kenny’s Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, September 17th.

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).



FALL FEST FUN!

St. Cletus Students and kids from the community all had a great time at the 5th Annual Fall Fest last weekend!

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/>



IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME
YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF,
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS,

and follow me.

MARK 8:34

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17;
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28;
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 - 4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Yom Kippur

Wednesday: St. Januarius

Thursday: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn and Paul Chŏng
Ha-sang and Companions

Friday: St. Matthew

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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

PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.

—Anonymous

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).

Follow us on Facebook:
@StCletusFoodPantry

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@St.CletusFoodPantry



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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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Save the date for these upcoming events!

Saturday, September 29th at 5:00pm Domestic Violence Outreach Mass at Holy Name Cathedral

Tuesday, October 9th: Denise's Story-Presentation at St. Cletus

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 lower left.

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

RESPECT LIFE INFORMATIONAL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

"If you want peace, work for justice. And if you want justice, defend life!"

Saint Pope John Paul II

Informational Meeting

Tuesday Sept. 18th 7:00pm

St. Cletus Fr. Gallagher Room (in the Parish Center)

The St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross/St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry is committed to a culture of life: a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. We seek to encourage others to see the divine nature of all human life through prayer, education and charity.

Join us for an informational Meeting on Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00pm in the St. Cletus Fr. Gallagher Room. We will use this time to discuss upcoming opportunities and share ideas for this year.

You do not need to make an ongoing commitment at this time. Please contact Kendall Grant with any questions.

WORD OF LIFE

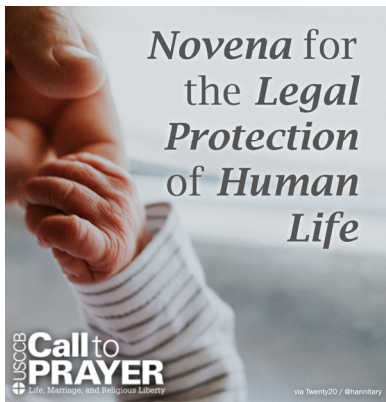


"Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Build a Culture of Life," www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA



USCCB
Call to
PRAYER
Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty

via Twenty20 / @hamilitary

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 1

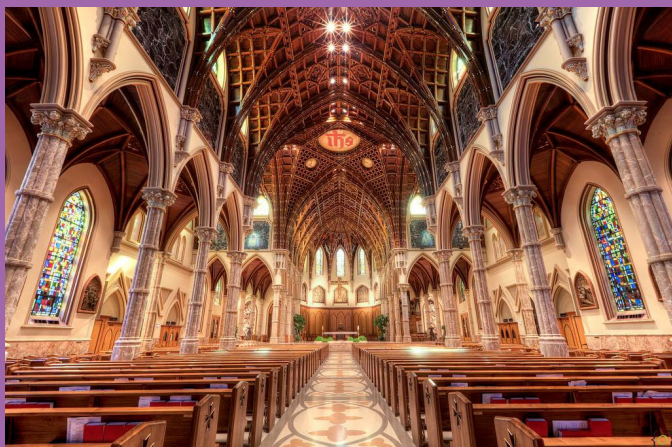
We invite you to join us on Tuesday, September 18, 7-9 pm, at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. This fall's five-week Boot Camp will kick off with an overview of the State of the Job Market. Keynote speaker, Heather Davis, will share her success story in re-entering the workforce after a lengthy absence and Dr. Joe Yount will deliver a special presentation on building your self-confidence for your career search. 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.

Attaining and Retaining Job Search Referrals

Join us on Thursday, September 20, 7-9 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Key takeaways covered at this presentation will include...the importance of having employee referrals as a key part of your job search. Steps in preparing to search, find and select employee referrals. How to get an internal sponsor to help your cause. How to write effective introduction messages. What to say and do with targeted individuals in face-to-face new networking conversations. Our speakers, Bob Johnson and Bob Rosell, have helped place job seekers through sponsored referrals, as well as shortened the transition time for people looking for work. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to welcoming you.

3RD ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS MASS

Please join us Saturday, September 29th at 5:15pm at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. Hospitality will follow the Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



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.



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



RSVP by September 21
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phone: (708) 354-9328

Checks payable to:
Interfaith Community Partners
P.O. Box 310
La Grange, IL 60525



All proceeds benefit Interfaith Community Partners

PILLARS COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Ball 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/>

2018 Fall Fest Wrap Up

Save the Date for the 2019 Fall Fest - September 5-8

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.

Basket Raffle Winning Tickets:

Basket 1) 418075	Basket 28) 418938
Basket 2) 383634	Basket 29) 418164
Basket 3) 417898	Basket 30) 418677
Basket 4) 418854	Basket 31) 418031
Basket 5) 417754	Basket 32) 417612
Basket 6) 418319	Basket 33) 418511
Basket 7) 418882	Basket 34) 417917
Basket 8) 418454	Basket 35) 418595
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Basket 11) 383493	Basket 38) 418479
Basket 12) 418501	Basket 39) 417331
Basket 13) 418484	Basket 40) 417353
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Basket 25) 418922	Basket 52) 417436
Basket 26) 383627	Basket 53) 417629
Basket 27) 383864	

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. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and those who donated the amazing items for our baskets.

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS



Thank you to all of the parishioners and first responders who joined us for our outdoor Mass honoring first responders last Sunday.

STAY TUNED

The 5th Annual Fall Fest was definitely a success. We hope to have final numbers in the next few weeks. Thank you to all of our volunteers, chairs, staff and those who donated to the Fall Fest. Special thanks to our St. Cletus Alumni, John, from Windy City for his help with the stage and sound and Sara Hodak for the great photos of the event. We truly appreciate everyone who helped make the event a success.





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5th Annual St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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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 the weekends of September 15th & 16th & 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!

RCIA

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 7.

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.

MASS OF ANOINTING 9/29

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

Music Ministry

Do you like to sing?

Enjoy learning new songs? Praising God?

You are invited to join one of the Parish Youth Choirs!

Come sing with the St. Cletus Parish Youth Choirs!



St. Cletus Parish Children's Choir
for boys and girls grades 3 and 4
Rehearsals: Thursdays 5-6:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Junior Choir
for boys and girls grades 5 through 8
Rehearsals: Mondays 4-5:00 p.m.

Both choirs are open to students who attend either St. Cletus School or participate in the St. Cletus Religious Education program. Under the direction of Mrs. Karen Ziemba, participation in either of these choirs will combine musical and liturgical training with an opportunity to serve God and His church. Come join us and lift your voice and heart in song as we praise God and have a great time doing it!

- ♪ Rehearsals just started, so there's still time to join!
- ♪ Each choir sings approximately once a month at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
- ♪ Combined choirs will participate in several liturgies throughout the year.
- ♪ Schedules will be distributed at first rehearsal; combined youth choirs will sing for the first time on Sunday, September 30th at the 11:00 a.m. mass.

For more information and/or registration questions, please contact:
Mrs. Ziemba at: kziemba@stcletusparish.com or call 708-710-0644

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



For Widowed Men and Women -

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with your life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat/workshop is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to again find hope and new joy in life. This unique program will be held at these dates/locations:

Oct 6 & 7 - St. Ann's, Channahon

Nov 10 & 11 - Nazareth Retreat Hse., Batavia

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

Call: 708-354-7211. 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, November 30, 2018. If interested in a table, please contact Dawn Walczak at walczakstmary@gmail.com or (708) 956-7266.

ADOLF FUNERAL HOME

Night of Healing - Heal your Soul II

Adolf Funeral Home, 700 S. Madison St. Willowbrook
Thursday, September 20, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.

Meditation and Letting Go of Grief with Anne Quigley, LMT - Let Anne help you relax by removing negative influences that

affect your energy and well-being to relieve pain and stress.

Garden of Yoga with Kathleen M. Wright, Director - Kathleen is a nationally certified Iyengar Yoga teacher.

Karen Schultz, LCSW - Karen's expertise as a spiritual teacher and healer will help you find strength to overcome obstacles and adversity by developing your inner resource.

RSVP to Donna 630.325.2300.

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.

We know how losing a loved one affects the core of each family. Whether the passing is sudden or after a long battle with illness, each soul has a story. And everyone has their own way of coping with such a loss; sometimes, we don't know how to start finding a way through the fog of emotions and despair.

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 grievers 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 October 5, 2018 to info@hitzemanfuneral.com or 708-485-2000. Refreshments will follow.

Next forum will be Tuesday, November 13th Coping with Grief During the Holidays. For more information please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday September 20th at 8:30 am, Montini Catholic High School will be hosting the “Meet Montini” of the 2018-2019 school year. “Meet Montini” is an informal session for parents to meet with the Administration and Admissions Teams. The meeting begins at 8:30 am in DeLaSalle Hall and includes a tour of the school while classes are in session. The meeting will last approximately 2 hours. Please RSVP to Eric Brechtel, Director of Admissions at ebrechtel@montini.org or call 630-627-6930 x 222. Montini Catholic High School is located at 19W070 16th Street in Lombard.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

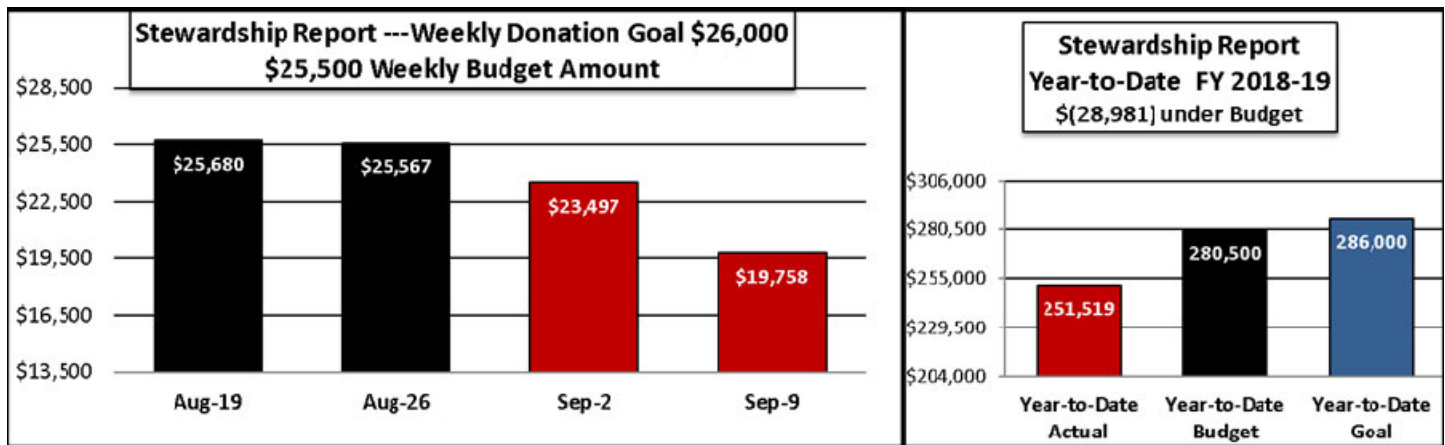
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, September 16	7am 9:30am 7pm	Narthex School Classrooms School Music Room	CCW BUNCO Ticket Sales Religious Education Classes Begin Fine Arts Concert Rehearsal
Monday, September 17	4pm 6pm 8pm	School Music Room School Classrooms Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Religious Education Classes Begin Men's Basketball
Tuesday, September 18	7pm 7pm 7pm	School Rm 213 Parish Center Mtg Room Church	Athletic Association Respect Life Informational Meeting Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, September 19	9am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, September 20	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 21	2pm	Parish Center Gym	Homecoming Pep Rally
Saturday, September 22	1pm 5pm	St. Cletus Field Narthex	8th Grade Mums Pick Up CCW BUNCO Ticket Sales
Sunday, September 23	7am 9am 7pm	Narthex Stone Ave to LTHS School Music Room	CCW BUNCO Ticket Sales Homecoming Parade 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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