

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**Blessed are you
who fear the LORD.**
— PSALM 128:1A



Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.

MATTHEW 25:21

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for November 16 - 22, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
November 16	Fr. Clark	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
November 17	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Frank Millier
November 18	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Virginia Rachford, Gene Gajos
November 19	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Patricia Seipp, Wayne Kral, Sophie Scaccia, Albert Dybicz
November 20	Fr. Baker	8:00am	James Carollo, Joshua Swibel
November 21	Communion Service	8:00am	
	Fr. Baker	5:00pm	Connie Cibelli
November 22	Fr. Clark	7:15am	Walter & Ola Maveety, Phillip Butkus, George Duda, Michael Kelly, Richard Gomez
	Fr. Clark	8:45am	Stacy Baker, Robert Olszewski, Wayne Zavislak, Elliot Zavislak-Barry
	Fr. Baker	10:30am	Dolores Glennon, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Ann Connelly

Wife of Dr. Thomas Connelly, Mother of Mary O'Rourke

May they rest in peace. Amen.

SATURDAY 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. St. Cletus Parish is now offering a Communion Service instead of Mass.

Please note that pre-registration is required.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BY RESERVATION ONLY

St. Cletus Parish is currently welcoming back parishioners, with a new limit of 120 for each Mass. We are also offering opportunities for prayer and confessions.

All of these worship opportunities require that you pre-register. The sign up link can be found on our website, www.stcletusparish.com. If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office at 708.352.6209 for assistance.

We will continue to offer Mass online from the St. Cletus altar Monday-Friday, Saturday at 5pm and on Sunday.



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 - Patricia Hays, Marilyn Kornau, Kevin Peck, George J. Popp Jr., Laura Terrazino, Patrick Wingert

October - Catherine Cosgrove, Sandra Eckrich, Rosemarie Gallagher, Virginia Kriho, George Popp, Toni Swindall, Vic Swindall

September - Carol Reckwerdt, Baby Vivian Furry, Frank Colonna, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, John Zydek, Annette Bonvillian, Mary Ann Doornbos, John Paul Granger, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa, Waclaw Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz, Joyce Arnold, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Grace Yamamoto

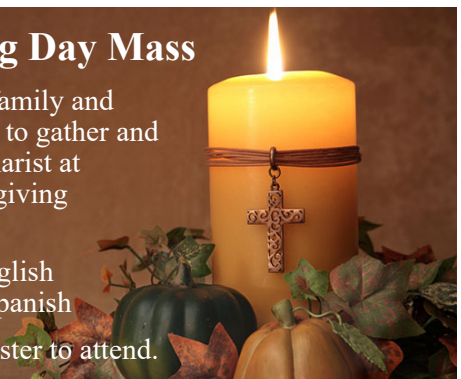
Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Thanksgiving morning.

9 a.m. Mass in English
11 a.m. Mass in Spanish

You must pre-register to attend.



Notes from Fr. Bob...

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Some years ago an elderly woman was being interviewed on television. All her adult life, she explained, she had spent as a nurse. “Tell me,” the interviewer asked, “If you could have just one wish, what would it be?” To his astonishment and, I imagine, that of millions of viewers, she replied: “To meet our Lord and hear him say that he thinks I did a good job for him”.

A surprising reply, yet, on reflection, just the sort of reply you might expect from a Christian. After all on the day when we have to give an account of our stewardship, there is only one question that will really matter: “Have I made a success of my life on earth? Have I served the Lord well?” We’re perhaps tempted to think that if only we knew just when that day would be, we’d be ready for it. Paul insists that the day and the hour are hidden; admittedly, what he has in mind is “the Lord’s day”, the end of the world when the Lord will come again; but his words are equally relevant to the day of our death, the day when the world will end for us. It’s shrouded in mystery; no-one can say when it will come – the Lord may arrive as unexpectedly as a burglar – and yet, says Paul, if we live wisely, like “children of light”, then we won’t be caught out.

Fundamentally, then, Paul’s is a positive and encouraging message and so too is the message of the other two readings. In the gospel our Lord has a parable for us. It’s the story of a wealthy man who, just before going abroad, gathers three of his servants and entrusts to each a number of talents. Incidentally, in the parable the word “talents” does not mean personal skills but rather silver coins, money; in fact a talent was a considerable sum of money, a small treasure. The one who had received five talents and the other, who had received two, both traded well and in fact doubled their treasure. But the servant who had but one talent became paralyzed with fear and simply hid the money; he was playing for safety, or so he thought. His master thought differently; on his return, there was a handsome reward for the first two wise, industrious servants, but withdrawal of his one talent, and punishment too, for the third, lazy, fear-racked servant. You may have noticed in the first reading also that the “perfect wife”, as she is called, wins praise because she is wise and industrious because she uses her gifts well.

The moral could hardly be clearer: this life is enormously important, for what we make of it will decide our future: in the Kingdom of God, the disciple who responds fully to the gifts God has given him or her and uses them to good effect will receive still greater ones, while disciples too fearful or lazy to make any efforts will lose everything they thought they had.



It’s easy for us to think that because we may not have much in the way of talents and gifts we’re not very important. However, in the gospel, the servant who came to grief did so not because he had only one talent but because he didn’t use it. The fact is that each one of us, however meager our gifts may seem, has a vital role in God’s plan. The idea is neatly conveyed in a prayer by Fr. Michel Quoist, called “The Brick”. A bricklayer is at work; the first brick is laid on its bed of cement, others follow, slowly the building rises tall and strong. “I thought, Lord, of that brick,” says the prayer, “buried in the darkness at the base of the big building. No one sees it, yet it accomplishes its task, and the other bricks need it. Lord, what difference whether I am at the roof-top or in the foundation of your building, as long as I stand faithfully at the right place?”

So long as we are genuinely trying to love and serve the Lord in the lowly events of life, we need not be overwhelmed with fear of rejection. On the contrary, if we are faithful in trying, we can be humbly confident that at death the Lord himself will greet us with those most glorious words: “Well done, you’ve been faithful in small things, come and join in your Master’s happiness.”

With Love for All,

**Fr. Bob,
Pastor**

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Tuna
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Corn
- Soup

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.



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

GIVING TREE

Giving Tree: Tags now available!

There are many ways to get tags this year:

Parish Center Gym: Trees will be available Saturdays from 3:00-6:30pm and Sundays from 7:00am-1:00pm. Trees will be spread out and we will provide gloves and sanitizer. Masks required. Trees will be labeled by category so you can easily find what type of tag you are looking for. Shop with Scrip will also be available to purchase Grocery Gift Cards for families as well!



Area Businesses: We have partnered with a number of area businesses to host a Giving Tree at their locations! You will be able to visit these partner businesses during their normal hours to pick up tags and even support the business by purchasing your gift there! WIN-WIN! Participating businesses include:

- Blackberry Market
- Fair Game
- La Grange Library
- (Children's Service Desk)
- Peak Running
- Vintage Charm
- Waterlemon
- Whisper Me Home

Online Form: We have a simple form you can complete to request tags and then we will email you information for tags based on what you requested. All contact free. Visit: shorturl.at/lrKV3

Email/Phone: Or you can email kgrant@stcletusparish.com or leave a message at 708.215.5418 and we can get back to you with tag information.

We are looking forward to working creatively to meet the growing need this year. Thank you for your help!

Giving Tree Volunteer Opportunity

We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the Parish Center Gym when the Giving Trees are available. Shifts are about 2 hours long on Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning/afternoon from November 7-December 6.

Please read the descriptions carefully before signing up. Thank you!
Visit: shorturl.at/ahCH7

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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

You are not alone.



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

How to Successfully Navigate a Career Switch

Join ICN on ZOOM, Thursday, November 19 from 7-8:30 pm for a panel discussion on what it means to *successfully* switch industries in your career. This conversation is for you if you are currently:

- Job seeking and need support in how to articulate your skill set within an industry that you have not worked in.
- Looking to have an impact in the public sector after a career in the private sector.
- A job seeker looking to network with new leaders... and more!

Annie Davis-Korelc will moderate this discussion followed by an opportunity for Q & A with the panelists. Annie taught high school in the suburbs of Chicago before becoming Program Manager (developing and implementing professional development for adult learners) at Education Pioneers. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Copy this link into your browser to see the full description of the discussion & panelists: <https://tinyurl.com/y64ycjvv>

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84230537602?pwd=QnV0NGs0bGd3UW0wZTB6R0hHL0VzQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 3053 7602

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THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of COVID-19.

Advent at Home Retreat | Monday, Nov. 30, 7 PM thru Monday, Dec. 14, 8 PM



How is God adventing in your life, in the life of the world, in Planet Earth this year? Are you noticing the new Advent of God? In a retreat designed for busy people, participants commit to pray for one half-hour a day and meet with a spiritual

director 5 times for 30 minutes over the two-week retreat. The retreat starts with an opening reflection and ends with a closing session. Cost: \$100. With Pat Bergen, CSJ, among others.

Moving Through the Energy and Emotion of Grief Saturday, Nov. 21, 12-2 PM



In these times of powerlessness we experience the loss of normalcy, human connection, health, income and celebrations. These losses give way to grief. Experience simple ways to find lightness of being; engage in sharing with others. Take away new possibilities of self-care from an energy perspective. Cost: \$25 Facilitated by Joanne Scullin, in partnership with River's Edge.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line - If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at (312) 948-6951 anytime M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Spanish speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back. Learn more at <https://www.catholiccharities.net>,

WORD OF LIFE



"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)

Look for our Christmas Trees at area businesses

Blackberry Market

Fair Game

La Grange Library

(Children's Service Desk)

Peak Running

Vintage Charm

Waterlemon

Whisper Me Home



St. Cletus School

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FOCUS ON OUR FACULTY

We are blessed with some wonderful Junior High teachers! Mr. Nowakowski, who has been with us since 2015, is teaching 7th and 8th grade Language Arts and 8th grade religion this year and Mr. Steffen, in his first year with us, is teaching Social Studies and 7th grade science. The students love how Mr. Steffen engages them throughout class and when he uses his sports and Star Wars knowledge in class! Mr. Nowakowski is a great communicator and helps parents to take a moment to reflect on truly important things in life. We are lucky to have them!



GETTING TO KNOW MR. NOWAKOWSKI

Mr. Nowakowski has been teaching at St. Cletus School since 2015 and since 2010 overall in Archdiocese of Chicago Schools. This year, he is teaching 7th and 8th Grade LA and 8th Grade Religion. Being a product of Catholic education from kindergarten through graduate school, Mr. Nowakowski will be using his vast experience to further educate the students of St. Cletus in their faith. Mr. Nowakowski earned his BA in English Secondary Education, as well as his MA in Curriculum and Instruction, from St. Xavier University in Chicago. He holds a Type 09 Certificate and also a Middle School Endorsement.



GETTING TO KNOW MR. STEFFEN

Mr. Steffen is honored and excited to be part of the faculty for this year! This year presents challenges but educating the youth is a duty, not just a job. He is so glad to be a part of the effort here to make that happen. He attended Elmhurst University for his Bachelors and is currently in the Masters of Teaching Program for Saint Xavier University. Before St. Cletus, he taught as a teaching assistant in a special education class

Meet Ms. Shupe and Ms. Berk! They are both so dedicated to our students and work hard to truly engage them and help them reach their full potential. Jr. High is full of new experiences for students and their enthusiasm is something we greatly cherish at St. Cletus!



GETTING TO KNOW MS. SHUPE

Ms. Jaclyn Shupe has been at St. Cletus School since 2016. She has taught Junior High literature, language arts, and religion. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Secondary Education from Northern Illinois University and is working on a Masters in Reading from Concordia University to be completed in May 2021. She loves to help our students develop his or her reading, writing, and grammar skills, and help them grow in their faith.



GETTING TO KNOW MS. BERK

Ms. Berk joined the St. Cletus team in 2018. Mrs. Berk/Marinelli teaches 4 math courses (accelerated/high school Algebra I, 8th Algebra I, 7th accelerated pre-Algebra, 7th pre-Algebra), as well as our 8th grade Physical Science curriculum. Over the past two years, Mrs. Berk/Marinelli has sponsored and coached 15 students to reach the state level of competition for the Illinois Junior Science Academy Science Fair. Over the summer, Mrs. Berk/Marinelli participated in another professional development opportunity with the ASM Materials Science Foundation and attended a week-long virtual sustainability forum for teachers PK-12. She received her Masters in Middle Grades Education from DePaul University and her Bachelors of Science in Biology with a minor in Hispanic Studies from Illinois Wesleyan University. In her free time, she loves to read, cook/bake, and do yoga.



5TH GRADE SCIENCE

5th Grade did a great job presenting their Cell Model Projects! Each student had to make a 3D model of an animal and plant cell. What a fun and great hands on way to learn more about cells!



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. BENTLEY!

Congratulations to Mrs. Bentley, winner of the Portillo's chocolate cake, through the "nominate your favorite teacher" program! She loves it and we love that she shares!



RED RIBBON WEEK

Check out these students showing off crazy socks for Red Ribbon week. Each year we celebrate Red Ribbon Week at St. Cletus School. It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs.

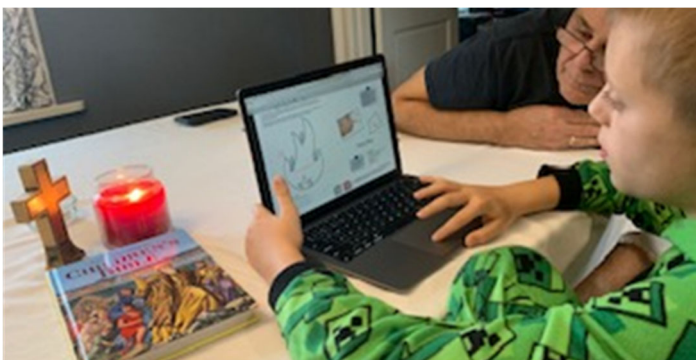
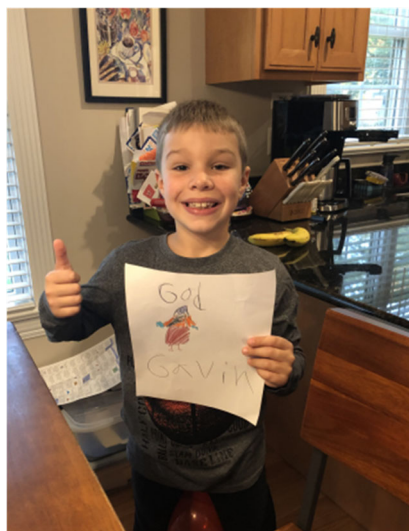
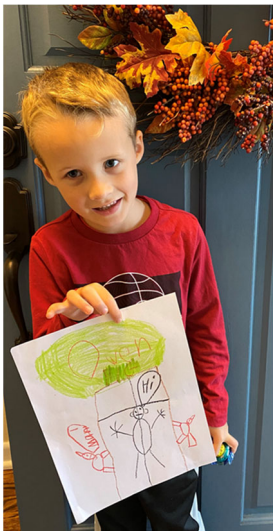
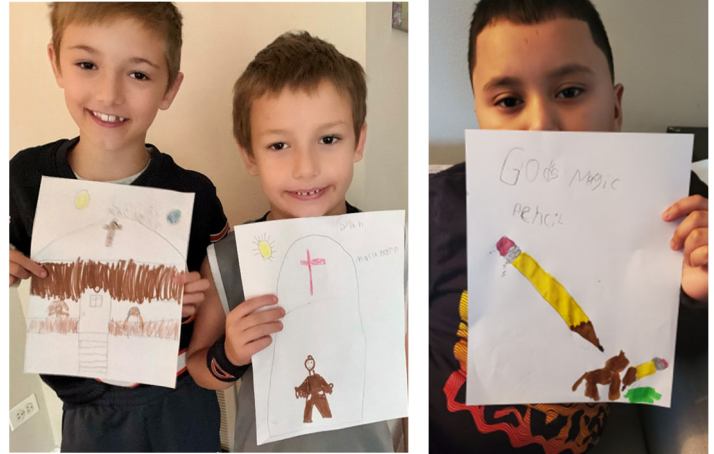
DISCOVER ST. CLETUS SCHOOL!

Take a virtual tour on our website and see how we live our words of Faith, Family, Future.

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Over the past month, our RE Families have been busy with our at-home curriculum. Last month we we learned about the Trinity and discussed images of God. Images of God are quite diverse! We see God all around us, and in everyone we meet. Last month, we asked the children to illustrate what God looks like to them. Here is an assortment of some of their outstanding artistry!



Other Ministry Notes

SAT. MORNING 8AM COMMUNION SERVICE



Saturday mornings St. Cletus Parish offers weekly (Saturday) communion services.

These will be led by a group of parishioners and Deacon Stuart.

Please plan on joining us each Saturday at 8:00 a.m. to meet the group and receive Jesus, but note that pre-registration will still be required.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. December 8th. We will discuss Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

For those who like to look ahead:

February 9: Happiness is the Choice You Make by John Leland. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS AT 1:00 PM



Now is certainly the time to ask for Mary’s intercession and guidance! Parishioners meet in church every Wednesday at 1:00 to pray the Rosary together. It is such a beautiful way to join our voices and reverence together and

pray for our personal intentions as well as those of our parish and world. We alternate the mysteries, praying the Joyful then the Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries so that we ponder all of the blessed moments in Christ’s life through Mary’s eyes. Thank you to our faithful team of greeters/cleaners who make this gathering possible.

Also, if you have rosaries to donate or that need repair, you can drop them off in the designated box in church.

Over a hundred people are members and you can also join anytime by calling Mary Lu at 630-430-3338. I have been praying the Fourth Joyful Mystery, the Presentation in the Temple, for over 20 years, but still have new insights about God’s great gift of His love, His son Jesus, and the people who cared for Him as an infant.

Everyone has time to pray one decade each day and to make Mary a cherished part of your daily devotions. Come join us in whatever way works for you. Your Mother is waiting with open arms.

ST. CLETUS CCW



Dear members of St. Cletus CCW,

We miss you! We think of you often & pray for you & your families. We hope to be able to meet together again soon, but until that time we want you to know that you are special. Watch for an envelope at your front door during the week of November 16th delivered by your CCW board members. You are never alone!

With friendship,

Your CCW Board Members

RCIA



If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the Sacraments of Initiation please join us this year as we begin our next RCIA journey. If you have a child who was never baptized as an infant, and now that they are older you desire them to be baptized and

receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, please have them join us this year!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC) is the way the Church invites others to explore the teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. \

If you are interested in joining us this year, or have questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ken Baker (kbaker@stcletusparish.com) or Barb Campbell (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com). We would be happy to answer questions and get you enrolled in RCIA this year!

LOOKING FOR CONFESSION?

Confessions are heard the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 9:45am. Please visit our website, www.stcletusparish.com or call 708-352-6209 to make a reservation.

We are also adding the option of confession following 8:00am Mass on Wednesdays You can sign up when competing your online registration.

Sunday Notes



CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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USE YOUR TALENT

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
 Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
 Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 Saturday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE (1769-1852)

November 18

Pope Benedict once declared himself struck by how remarkably diverse our American saints are—some native born: Mother Seton, Katherine Drexel, Kateri Tekakwitha; most, like many Catholics today, immigrants: Padre Serra, Bishop Neumann, Mother Cabrini, Rose Philippine Duchesne. When the French Revolution that dispersed her convent ended, Rose joined the Religious of the Sacred Heart, volunteering for their United States mission, opening the first free school west of the Mississippi. Only after lengthy service as Superior did Rose—now seventy-one—realize her life’s dream, undertaking a mission among the Potawatomi Indians. When some worried about her advanced age and failing health, the Jesuit mission leader overruled them: “She must come! She may not be able to do much work, but she’ll bring the mission success by praying for us!” Frustrated by her inability to learn their languages, Rose nevertheless “spoke” to the Native Americans by her prayerful presence before the tabernacle. “Quah-kah-ka-num-ad,” they named her, “Woman-Who-Prays-Always”—their way of bestowing the title the Church would later make official: saint!

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIVING PRAYER

Who prays as they ought will endeavor to live as they pray.

—Anonymous

Sunday Readings

READING 1

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unflinching prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 128:1–2, 3, 4–5

R. (cf. 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

READING 2

1 Thes 5:1–6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, “Peace and security,” then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

GOSPEL

Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.]

“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ [Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’ ”]

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Letter from Fr. Bob

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October 28, 2020

Dear St. Cletus Parish Families,

I hope and pray that you and all your loved ones remain safe and healthy during this very difficult time. The corona virus, as you know, has turned our daily lives upside down over these past several months.

St. Cletus ministries continue to adjust and adapt to today's reality. We remain committed to serving the needs of our parishioners and community, even if the way we minister looks a little different. We continue to feed the hungry through our food pantry by providing curbside service, educating our students in their classroom environments, provide E-Learning for Religious Education students, provide Zoom calls to our choir members, celebrate mass in our beautiful church (as well as virtually), and continue to provide cleaning and sanitizing in all of our buildings.

I write to all of you today to ask for your help to sustain our parish ministries, programs, and operations at the current level. I am sure you have noticed that we are currently not meeting our weekly budgetary goals. I recognize the financial strains that you might be experiencing. I ask that you prayerfully consider any way you may help us to reach our budgetary needs.

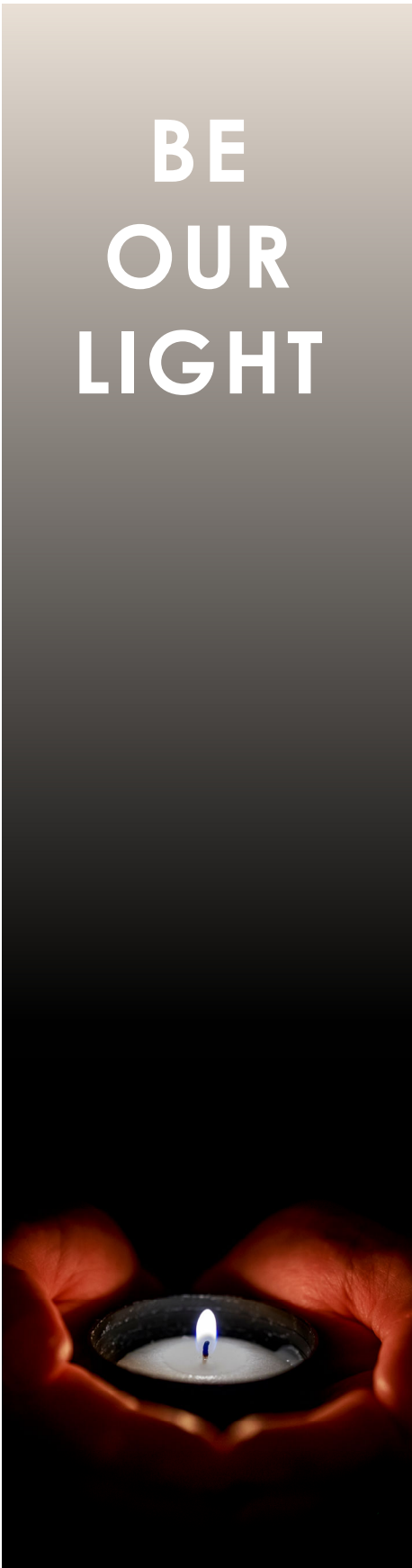
There are many different opportunities to continue to support our parish. We ask each of you to consider being a light for St. Cletus Parish, helping us navigate these tough times. Parishioners should have received in the mail a special envelope to use if you are able to offer some additional financial support. You may also continue to help using your Sunday envelopes, which can be dropped off at mass or in the rectory drop box, sent through mail, or you may choose to donate through our online portal at www.stcletusparish.com.

Also, please consider volunteering. We still need ushers, greeters, and cleaners to continue our liturgical services. If you can help, please email us at reopening@stcletusparish.com. Will you be our light?

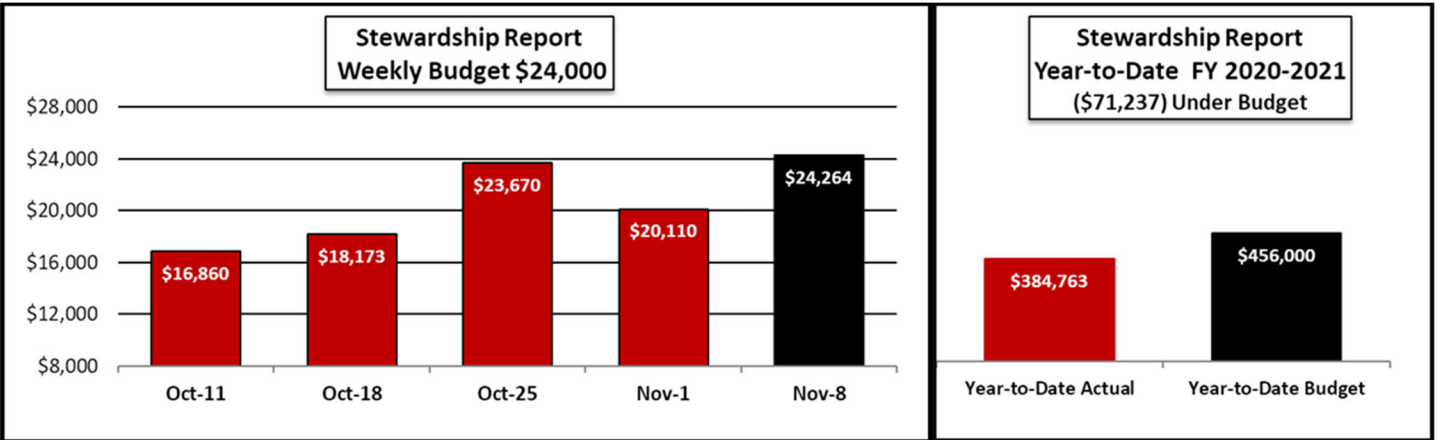
Love, Health, and Blessings,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Stewardship Report



Other Ministry News (Continued)

BECOME A ST. CLETUS REOPENING TEAM VOLUNTEER

Every time the doors of our church are open, GREETERS, (led by Colleen Hagen), those confirming reservations and checking people need to be present. USHERS will also need to be present to assist people with being seated, receiving communion and being dismissed safely following each service.

Our CLEANING TEAM, (led by Tom Reisel and Mary Delaney) arrives after each service to wipe down and disinfect the pews, kneelers and other areas of the church used during the service.

Before each service and after each service, our SETUP / SACRISTANS TEAM (led by Mary Sue Kegl) prepare the church and vessels as required for the particular service. At the conclusion of each service, this team cleans and disinfects the sanctuary and all books vessels and furniture used for the service.

All of these volunteers are here to make your visit, your return to church as easy, prayerful and as safe as possible; but WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Each Mass, baptism, funeral, confession, and prayer service requires many more volunteers than pre-Covid days. As the parish adds more masses and services and allows for more attendees at these services, the number of volunteers needed has increased.

Please consider becoming a volunteer.

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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.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist at St. Cletus Parish.

9:00 a.m.
Mass in English

11:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish

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.

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 Saturday and SundayClosed

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)
 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal at (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.

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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

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