

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**"Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten
the sandals of his feet."**

—Acts 13:25

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



I will make you a light to the nations, that my
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of June 25 - July 1, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Janet Litaker
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Helen Olson, Patrick Boyle
Wednesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Patrick Boyle
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	George Campbell, Robert Egan, John E. Miller
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Gary Sager
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Harry Brown, John Cooper, Lisa Gabriel, Bill Beneshunas, Ken Kakareka, Vangie Keith
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, John & Frances Kennedy, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Marilyn Matesevac, Ed & Rose Vilutis
	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Ted Biesadecki, Riccardone & Calandriello Families, Stacey Baker, Special Intention - Ola Maveety
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	George Rice
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, John Pavila, Joseph Cieczczak, Camille Damico, Harriet Bazcynski
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Samuel Vazquez

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Emily Kathryn Maxwell

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Andrew William Remkus

Son of Michelle Doyle & David Remkus

Victoria Garcia Mora

Daughter of Angelica Mora & Rodrigo Garcia

Emily Elizabeth Perez

Daughter of Esmerelda Santos & Daniel Perez

Alessia Violet Tortorici

Daughter of Meghan Trejo & Michael Tortorici



WEEKDAY MASSES JUNE 25-29 MOVED

Masses will be in held in Room 98 / Kindergarten Room: Monday, June 25 thru Friday, June 29 for church maintenance. Thank you for understanding.

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.

June - Frank Colonna, Josephine Madsen

May - Helen Brennan, Carol Witkowski, Dr. Larry Bernstein

April - Bonnie Boerste, John Burns, Daniella DeRivera, Tom Hansen, George Hess, Kay Hogue, Kathleen Russell, Christine DeMaria, Frank Pastrana, Dan Gibbons, Rosa Nilles, Patricia Rodey, Lucy Schoenecker, Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill

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

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2018

Are there signs that appear at a child's birth which indicate what he or she will become? The ancient world believed that signs accompanied an important birth. When Alexander the Great was born there were storms and earthquakes and two eagles appeared, which were said to prevision his conquest of Asia and Europe. But even today psychologists have shown that there are less dramatic indications in young children of what they will become as adults. Long before you can express yourself with words you may show signs of your future temperament. So if you show signs of aggression or shyness very early on as a child these can be a sign that these traits may also appear when you are grown up.

Today we are celebrating the birth of someone who showed signs that he was a prophet even before he was born. Normally the liturgy celebrates saints on the day of their death and, in fact, only celebrates the birthdays of three people: Jesus, Mary, and John the Baptist. Why does John the Baptist merit this honor? Even at his birth his family is full of wonder as they ask, "What will this child turn out to be?" If we look at the events and signs that surround his birth, we can begin to appreciate why, as Jesus said, "of all the children born of women there is no one greater than John.

First, John's parents represent the righteous people of the Old Testament. Elizabeth, barren and old, is blessed with this child. Zechariah, his father, receives the news from the angel in the Temple with all its ancient rituals. The child is circumcised on the eighth day. Then the name John is given, which makes a break with tradition. John brings together the new and the old. He is the hinge between the two testaments. And even in the womb he jumped for joy in recognition of Jesus when the pregnant Mary visited Elizabeth. Even before birth he was the precursor of Jesus. But also in his death, beheaded by Herod, he points forward to Jesus' death under Pilate in Jerusalem.

Second, at his birth his father Zachariah recognizes this little child as a "Prophet...(who) will go before the Lord to prepare the way for him". Through preaching repentance he will make ready the way for Jesus and finally have the singular honor of baptizing him. John's baptism was to be in water alone and he directs our gaze to Jesus' baptism, which will be in the Holy Spirit. But, thirdly, John will show his humility. He knows that he is only the voice crying in the wilderness while Jesus is the



Word of God. He knows that it is Christ who is the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world and he, John, is unworthy to baptize him or untie his sandals. His role is clear: he must give way to Christ. "He must grow greater, I must grow smaller."

How can we celebrate this feast of John the Baptist's birthday? Here at Mass, of course, but also by heeding his words and putting into practice the lessons of his life. If we are going to recognize Jesus for what he is, then we must see him against the long history of the Old Testament. We cannot appreciate the new without knowing what came before. We will then appreciate how Jesus fulfills what the prophets foretold. Once we have recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, then we too need to repent and confess our failings so that he can heal us. As we go to confession John's words of judgment can touch our consciences and convict us so that Jesus may grant his forgiveness and absolution.

And finally, as Christians who have been sent to evangelize and to point the way to Christ, we need the humility of John. For Christians, not just those who are lay ministers, deacons, or priests, are called to be sure that we are pointing to Christ and not to ourselves. We are also here to prepare the way for his coming. For from now on, after this feast of midsummer, the days will be getting shorter until Christ comes at Christmas and the light increases in our lives. So, too, we are called to decrease and let him increase.

Blessings,

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School



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ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June & July.....Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm
July 3 & 4.....Office is Closed
August.....Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Notes from Deacon Stuart Heyes

Regarding last week's homily I gave at the Sat vigil mass and at 7.00 and 8.00 on Sunday morning.

The power cut and loss of the sound system prevented many at the 5.00pm mass hearing my homily and I had several requests to publish it - so here it is. Enjoy.

This week's gospel offers one of the many parables Jesus used to teach his followers. He uses them because it is the language and images with which they are familiar - and it's very effective.

As I meditated about the scripture for today I was struck by the Majestic Cedar tree in the first reading and how it compared to the lowly mustard seed bush in Christ's parable in Mark's Gospel. It occurred to me that the Cedar tree could be likened to the foundation of our faith:

- We have the very sturdy root system - the trinity - well established, firm, immovable.
- The sturdy upright trunk - 2000 years of the growth of Christianity and the Papacy.
- The major branches - the Commandments and the Sacraments that support and guide our faith lives
- The smaller branches - the parishes and communities of which we are a part
- The leaves - our families that are nourished by all of this.

The Mustard bush, with its interwoven branches, unkempt appearance and rapid erratic growth - that's a metaphor for the messy world in which we live - the structure of the Cedar is missing, most of its growth is hidden from the light and in this darkness - evil festers.

Why do I make this analogy?

Because the number of Mustard bushes in the world are increasing at a much greater rate than the Cedar trees - More and more of the people of this world don't have the time nor the desire to grow with the Cedar but want the faster fulfilment offered by the mustard bush. They don't appreciate the beauty of the Cedar and importance of its teachings - they want the instant gratification offered by the Mustard bush.

So let me pose a question - What do shopping malls and Christian churches have in common?

Answer - They are being abandoned by millions of Gen Xers and Millennials in favor of Internet shopping in the case of brick and mortar stores and a view that organized religion is irrelevant in the case of churches.

70% of the Western European population identify as Christian - but only about a quarter of those attend a church monthly or more, the churches are empty!

And right here in St Cletus - attendance has declined 40% since Marlene & I joined back in 1992.

I have the privilege of celebrating most of the English baptisms here and I say to the parents, "this is a great start to the children's faith lives but it's only a start. But in 9 / 10 cases they don't come back, despite the promises the parents and Godparents make during the sacrament - they all go back to the Mustard bushes.

Our faith needs feeding - regularly - you don't get that in the mustard bush, you get it on the Cedar tree. We on the Cedar tree need to encourage our family and friends who are in the mustard bushes to come and join us. One person or one family at a time.

How you might ask?

Well certainly not by catechism lessons and deep theological arguments but by our example of a "Life lived in Christ." Pope Paul VI said "Through wordless witness - (i.e. How we act) Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live, - such as: "Why do they live like this, or What inspires them?"

It is by our living, loving examples that we draw people out of the darkness of the Mustard bush and pull them up onto the Cedar tree with us. Certainly it's a challenge, but let us start with those closest to us.

Today/Tomorrow we celebrate FATHER'S DAY and the value of a Father within a family. God understands the enormous value of a Father in family life - he gave Joseph to Mary and baby Jesus. Joseph raised Jesus into manhood demonstrating the protective, nurturing role that God intended for fathers. God Bless St Joseph.

I would like to wish all the fathers here today a very Happy Father's Day. But also ask that we remember today fathers who may be serving overseas and thus away from their families, Men who didn't have the good fortune to be a father but who really wanted to. Men whose children were aborted against their will or without their consent. For them this is not a happy day, so let us keep them in our hearts and prayers.

May you all continue to enjoy the view from the majestic Cedar and be living examples of our faith on Father's Day and every day. Amen

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta & Pasta sauce
- Canned chicken
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Coffee, juice, tea
- Toilet Paper

Donations can be dropped off before or after Masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).



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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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Volunteers - Are you interested in volunteering this summer? We're looking for volunteers to help at distribution on Thursday nights from 5:30-8:30pm. You can sign up as often as you would like. We need:

- Greeters
- Personal shopping assistants
- Help distribute food
- Carry food out to cars



St. Cletus
Food Pantry

Please use our Sign Up Genius link to sign up! <https://bit.ly/2s5Hdbj>

GCFD - A special word of appreciation to our St. Cletus team of Greater Chicago Food Depository volunteers. On the 4th Wednesday of each month, 10-15 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. This is a great financial help since the Food Pantry purchases quality items at low prices each month to supplement donations from our parishioners and friends in the community. Our money goes much further at the food depository!

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, please e-mail Jerry Mitchell, jerryconverse@gmail.com, or contact Kendall at kgrant@stcletusparish.com, (708)214-5418. See below for answers to some common questions about this service opportunity.

How old do I have to be to volunteer? Volunteers need to be 14 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions. Ages 16 and older can volunteer self-supervised. Ages 14 and 15 need to have one adult supervisor per 10 youths.

What should I wear? Volunteers must wear long pants and close-toed shoes. You will not be permitted to work in the warehouse if you are wearing sandals or shorts/ short skirt. Depending on the project you are assigned to, you may be asked to remove jewelry above the waist (including piercings, but rings are acceptable).

Where is the GCFD located? 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, which is a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski.

Can I volunteer on my own? Yes, but you have to schedule a time with the Depository in advance (773) 247-3663 or www.chicagosfoodbank.org. If you volunteer at the Depository on your own, please designate St. Cletus Food Pantry, Agency #A01336, as the recipient of your volunteer credits.

Further volunteer information can be found at www.chicagosfoodbank.org.

Facebook - Follow us on our new facebook page!
www.facebook.com/StCletusFoodPantry

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence this group may be very helpful.

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant at 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.

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 far left. You are not alone.

WORD OF LIFE

“Religion [cannot] be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life.”

Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, 183.

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INTERFAITH COMMUNITY NETWORK

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK JUNE 22-29



**Serving Others
in God's Love**

Religious Freedom Week
June 22–29, 2018

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek! Office of Religious Liberty www.usccb.org/freedom Twitter: @USCCBFreedom Text “Freedom” to 377377.

June 25th, Day 3 of Religious Freedom Week

Pray - May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.

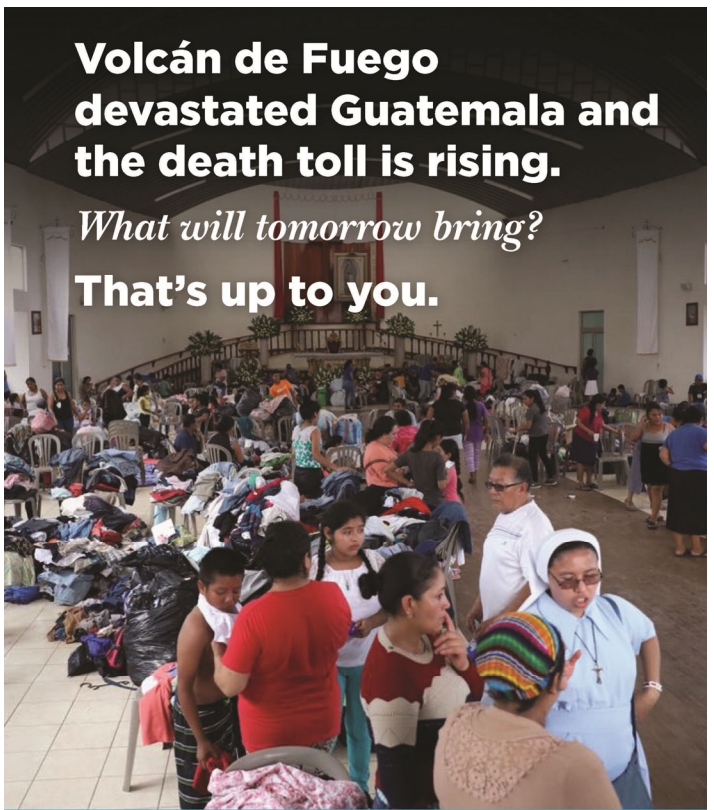
Reflect - All baptized Christians are called to share the joy of the gospel with others. When most of our co-workers, neighbors, and even family members don't share our faith and perhaps do not practice any faith at all, we

might be timid or afraid to talk about our faith. But in a culture filled with so much junk, people are hungry for solid food. When we encounter Jesus Christ, we come to know the bread of life, the truth in which the restless hearts of our age can rest. We love our neighbors by helping them to encounter Jesus.



Act - As the Pope Francis teaches, "The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (*parrhesía*) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition" (*Evangelii gaudium*, 259). Let's take this week to exercise our freedom by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ or to talk about religious freedom with others. Try it today!

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JUNE 24, 2018

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

Psalm — I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

Second Reading — John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

Gospel — John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Monday: Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Alexandria
Thursday: St. Irenaeus
Friday: Ss. Peter and Paul
Saturday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It’s midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three “nativity” feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today’s birth of the Baptist. Today’s date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child’s advent, but of Elizabeth’s child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve.

There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting “St. John’s fires” in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist’s own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It’s a tradition!

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

THE GREATEST NEED

The world’s greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

—Anonymous

Religious Education

WANTED: CATECHISTS

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

The St. Cletus Religious Education Office is currently seeking adults and High School students interested in volunteering as Catechists and Aides.

We are looking for committed people who are willing to share their faith with children, and have a fun time doing it! We provide training, all

resource materials and lesson plans – it’s easy!

Please contact the Religious Education Office today to learn more about how you can become a Catechist or Aide!

REGISTER FOR RE CLASSES!

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

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

For More Information about Religious Education and Youth Ministry:

Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
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2018 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest

SAINT CLETUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL FALL FEST



Thursday 7pm

Friday 7pm

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 6pm

SEPT. 6TH-9TH

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Other Ministry News

OPEN GYM FOR ALUMNI (18+)

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

- June 27th
- July 11th, 18th and 25th
- August 1st, 8th and 15th

The courts will be setup for either basketball or volleyball depending on the week. June 27th will be basketball, July 11th will be volleyball and we will alternate until August 15th. Girls will have the gym from 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. and guys will have the gym from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The PPC is looking forward to hosting and hope you will encourage your college aged and older alumni to come join the fun.

INDEPENDENCE DAY


Please note that there will not be a July 3rd Concert on the lawn this year.

Join us July 4th at 8am for the St. Cletus Independence Day Mass. See below for details.

Please note that parish facilities will be closed after 8am Mass on July 4th and will remain closed on Thursday, July 5th.

ALUMNI OPEN GYM

 **Basketball**
June 27th
 Girls 6:00pm
 Boys 7:30pm

 **Volleyball**
July 11th
 Girls 6:00pm
 Boys 7:30pm

BOOK DISCUSSION

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

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

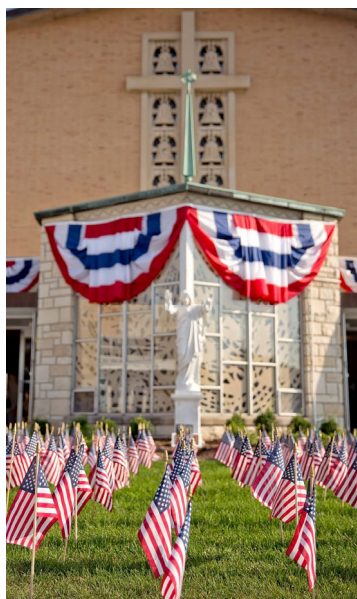
The parish offices have moved to the new parish center. Food pantry remains in the rectory.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

There is an automated external defibrillator available in the Minister’s Room in the narthex of St. Cletus Church.

What is an AED? An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can potentially stop an irregular heart beat (arrhythmia) and allow a normal rhythm to resume following sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

Who can use an AED? Non-medical personnel such as police, fire service personnel, flight attendants, security guards and other lay rescuers who have been trained in CPR can use AEDs. Although formal training in the use of an AED is not required, it is recommended to help the rescuer increase their comfort and level of confidence. However, AEDs are intended for use by the general public. Most AEDs use audible voice prompts to guide the user through the process.



St. Cletus 4th of July Mass

St. Cletus will again honor all Veterans at our 8am Mass on the 4th of July.

Each branch of service will be recognized and music will be provided by the annual St. Cletus Independence Day Band. Refreshments will be provided after Mass. Photos are from last year’s event courtesy of Sara Hodak Photography.

SAINT CLETUS PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

5th Annual



2018 FALL FEST SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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- Two Carnival Mega Pass wristbands

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

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- Name on recognition banner at Fall Festival
- Name listed (no logo) on the Fall Festival Shirt
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If making an In-Kind Donation, please indicate the approximate value of your donation for purposes of sponsor recognition. Food Vendors interested in this exciting event email fallfest@stcletusparish.com

SPONSOR INFORMATION

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

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Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN!



“Joyful Again” Retreat for Widows and Widowers

Are you or someone you know widowed?

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 while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

July 21 & 22, Holy Family - Inverness

August 11 & 12, Mary Queen of Heaven - Elmhurst

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

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples on August 10-12, 2018 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village. The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community.

For information, please go to wwme-chicagoland.org and say YES TODAY, to God's call to love one another!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



MARRIED IN 1968? Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass? If not, there is still time to register. The Department of Parish Vitality and Mission is happy to announce that the Annual Golden

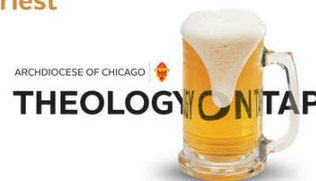
Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place at St. John Brebeuf Parish 8307 N Harlem Ave. in Niles on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

Go to <https://pvm.archchicago.org/> to register to attend by September 1st.

THEOLOGY ON TAP KICK OFF EVENT

KICKOFF EVENT

Breakthrough: The Inspiring Story of Australia's X Factor Priest
Father Rob Galea



Breakthrough: The Inspiring Story of Australia's X Factor Priest Fr. Rob Galea - Join us for the Theology on Tap 2018 kickoff event with Father Tom Rosica, Chief Executive Officer of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation in Canada. Father Rosica will interview Father Rob Galea, musician, author, and founder of FRG Ministry. Father Rob will speak about his inspiring journey from troubled teen to Catholic priest and Australian idol. He will also be performing some of his music that made him an internet sensation in 2015 on Australia's X Factor. The event is free and attendees will receive two drink tickets, apps, and excellent company!

Monday, June 25 at The Fremont 15 West Illinois Street Chicago, IL 60654. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Register: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/theology-on-tap>

JOSEPH'S CORNER

Religious Gifts and Cards, a sponsored ministry of the Congregation of St. Joseph. 1515 West Ogden Avenue La Grange Park, Entrance directly west of Nazareth Academy. Please note our new summer hours:

July – August – September:

Tuesdays – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursdays – 1 to 5 p.m.

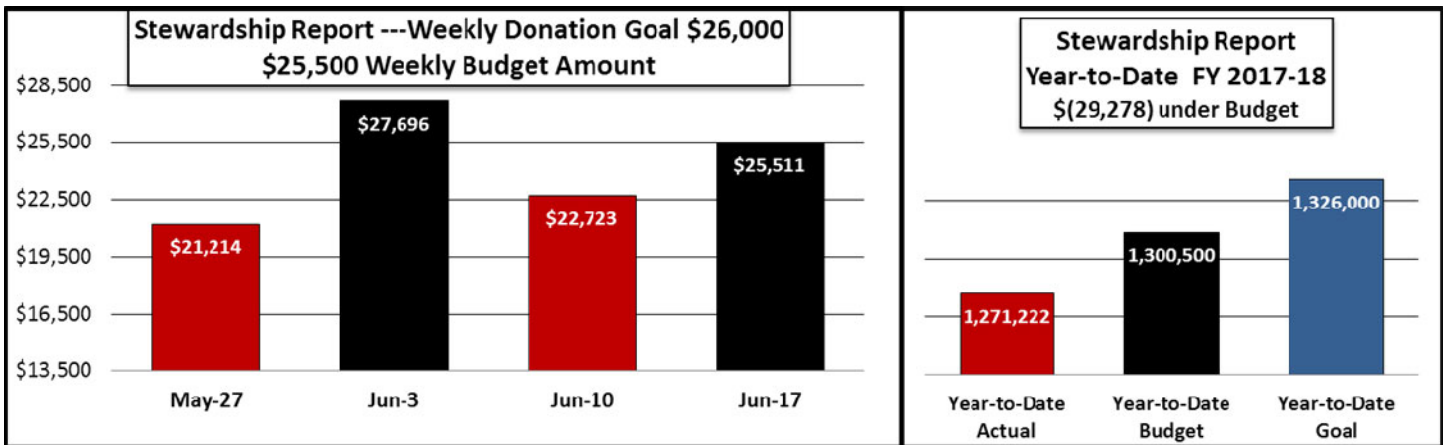
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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, June 24			
Monday, June 25	7:30am 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Parish Center Gym	STEM Camp Men's Basketball
Tuesday, June 26	7:30am 6:30pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Rectory Basement	STEM Camp PPC Meeting
Wednesday, June 27	7:30am 6:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Parish Center Gym	STEM Camp Collegiate Alumni Open Gym Basketball
Thursday, June 28	7:30am 6:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Rectory Basement	STEM Camp Food Pantry Distribution
Friday, June 29	7:30am	Parish Center Mtg Rm	STEM Camp
Saturday, June 30	6:30pm	Parish Center Gym	Hispanic Ministry Appreciation
Sunday, July 1			

Stewardship 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,

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PARISH CENTER SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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

MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.
 Evening before Holy Day 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office (708) 215-5407

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement: We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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