

SECOND SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018

Jesus said to Thomas,  
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

## Mass Intentions for the Week of April 9 - April 15, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Josef Linsmaier, Hans-Günter Linsmaier, William Garske
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Marylyn Loughlin
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli, Debbie Sipek
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Lorraine Porod
	Fr. Fisher	5:00 p.m.	John Daniel McGrath, Joseph Ulfing, Jack McLaughlin, Vivian & Tony Damico, Dennis Gabriel, Daniel E. Moore, Georgia Popp, Special Intention - Rob Stafford
Sunday	Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Stacy Baker, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, John Zumpano
	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Maryellen & John Salvato, Darlene & Henry Krueger
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Frank Miller
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, John Pavula, Joseph Cieczczak
	Fr. Fisher	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners



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

#### Virginia Bedwell

Mother of Barbara Buenger

#### Eugene (Gene) Mazurek

Husband of Marcy Mazurek

#### Mary Ann Mezan

Mother of Barb Mitchell and Lori Lively

#### Denise Mulcrone

Mother of Marty Mulcrone

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.*

**April** - Bonnie Boerste, Kay Hogue, Kathleen Russell

**March** - Dan Gibbons, Rosa Nilles, Patricia Rodey, Lucy Schoenecker, Frank Colonna

**February** - Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood

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

### WELCOME WEEKEND



Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

*If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.*

### SECOND COLLECTION APRIL 14-15



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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

One of the stranger facts of the Second World War was the survival of 1,500 Jews in the city of Berlin. It took a mixture of cunning, courage, luck and determination on their part. They were also assisted by an unexpected group of Germans, from lovers to employers who hid employees in their factories. As one employer dryly remarked: "When the penalty for hiding one is the same as for hiding seven, you may as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb." On the other hand, betrayal could come from those whom the Jews might have hoped to rely on.

As the Gestapo arrived at an apartment block, one couple, a mother and son, sought refuge with neighbors, having first taken the precaution of locking the main door. As Christmas carols drifted from inside the apartments, one after another neighbor refused. It was as though they had never known them. There was certainly no room in the inn. In the end it was a stranger, a little old lady, who ushered them speedily into her home and hid them under her bed. When the Gestapo arrived, they passed swiftly by such an insignificant and obviously law-abiding person.

At the end of it all, most of the survivors moved away from Berlin. But, as one survivor said, "What the Nazis also achieved was to make me Jewish." What in the beginning for some had been a forgotten or unheeded characteristic became not just the reason for persecution but a focal point of pride and belief.

In its original form, John's gospel concentrates the stories of the resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit into one chapter. Then, as it were by popular request, John tags on another final chapter, with further supportive resurrection experiences.

The summary of the earlier chapter offers concise points of reflection on the risen Lord. To appreciate them fully we have to read them against the background of the whole gospel, for their significance has already been traced for us by John in the body of the gospel text. John's gospel, more self-evidently than the synoptic gospels, is imbued throughout with the presence of the risen Lord.

The two themes which dominate today's gospel reflect the usual Johannine pattern of gift and response. Jesus appears as the bringer of peace and the giver of the Holy Spirit. What is asked in response from his followers is faith as the indispensable channel for the new life in the Spirit.



Throughout the gospel Jesus has illustrated through signs and teaching his special relationship with the Father, a relationship which enables him to bring people into a new way of living. He is recognized now in his gift of peace and in his life-giving wounds. The disciples are filled with joy at seeing him, and he empowers them with the Holy Spirit, who will enable them to forgive sins and remove the blindfolds we put on ourselves.

The story of Thomas shows how difficult this can be if Jesus does not show himself to us. John uses this story of doubt to end his gospel with a reminder of the great need for faith. It is such faith that will enable the persecuted early Christians to discover true life in the presence of the Lord.

We can find many blocks on the path to accepting the new life of the risen Lord. There is the lack of faith which dulls our perception, preventing us from seeing God's power working through us and in his world. There is sin, depression, sometimes even despair. There is our heavy investment in secular preoccupations and our failure to make the links between them and the divine life which can be celebrated in them.

Faith is not a purely intellectual adherence to the Creed or the truths taught by the Church. It is openness of mind and heart, nourished by prayer, the sacraments and our fellowship with other believers which allow us to discern God's love at work in us and in the world. Just as the risen Lord is recognized through his gift of peace and through his wounds, so we too express our faith through the giving and receiving of peace and through the living out of our own woundedness and vulnerability.

***Blessings of the Risen Lord—Alleluia!!!***

*Fr. Bob*

**Fr. Bob**

**Pastor**



# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Cardinal College..... April 10  
 2nd Grade First Communion Retreat ..... April 21  
 Beauty and the Beast Jr. .... April 25-26

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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 tchinske@stcletusparish.com      cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



### Filtering Water in the Science Lab

Third graders watched videos on how our water gets filtered. Then they worked in our science lab to replicate the results. It took several steps but they were surprised at how much cleaner they were able to make their muddy water.



### Agriculture Field Trip

Our third-graders took an Agriculture Science Field trip to the Chicago High School For Agriculture Sciences. The school is located on a 72-acre campus, 40 acres of which are dedicated to a working farm, and the students commute from all across the city to CHSAS. Our students enjoyed hands on experiments and were able to learn interact with common farm animals such as pigs, goats and chickens.



### The Chicks Have Arrived

One of the highlights of the year for our third-graders is the science unit where they receive an incubator with eggs and observe as the chicks emerge. Before break the class had a facetime session with the farmer that will deliver the their eggs. The students had a lot of questions. This week the eggs were delivered. Stay tuned as we watch them grow.

**2018 ST. CLETUS  
CARDINAL OPEN**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**



**Golf Outing Venue:**  
Glen Eagles Country Club  
13070 McCarthy Road  
Lemont

**\$125 per Golfer**  
Includes cart, snacks,  
beverages on the course,  
door prizes, lunch, and a  
buffet dinner with open bar

**For More Information:**  
golfouting@stcletusparish.com  
golfouting.stcletusschool.com

The golf outing is coming up and we could use your help. Join us for golf, sponsor a hole, or donate an item to our raffles.

Thank you for supporting St. Cletus School!

## Religious Education

### UPCOMING RE DATES:

**April 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30** - RE Classes in Session

**April 21** - First Communion Retreat for all children preparing for this sacrament plus one parent in Morrissey Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**May 8** - First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 for children in 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 12

**May 9** - First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 for children in 1 p.m. Mass on May 12

**May 12** - First Communion Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.



## Parents: What are your kids doing this summer?

### Have them join us at our Shipwrecked VBS!

Calling all children entering Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade! We invite you to join us on June 18-22<sup>nd</sup> as we venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Join us as we spark imagination and faith-building fun with your children! We will anchor your children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

**When: June 18-22, 2018**

**Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day**

**Where: Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building**

**How to register:** complete registration form online at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com), or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online through the Parish website).

**Age of kids in VBS:** Any child entering Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Fall is welcome to register!

**Can I volunteer? YES!** We are looking for volunteers to join our Crew! We are looking for **Junior High** and **High School Students** as well as **Adults** to join us! If you are interested, please contact Barb Campbell.

For More Information about Religious Education and Youth Ministry:  
Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education - [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com), (708) 352-2383.

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Canned or dry milk
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Detergent
- Canned Meals & Meats

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).

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

Last week we shared with you some of the exciting changes coming to the food pantry in May (new space, weekly distribution, online registration, client choice, etc.). We will spend the next few weeks breaking down each of these areas to share more details about where we are heading. If you missed the previous updates check out the Easter Canticle on the St. Cletus website or reach out to Kendall for more information.

#### What is Client Choice?

What do we mean when we say ‘client choice’? *“Client Choice is a method of food distribution at food pantries. Clients are encouraged to select the foods they want, similar to shopping at a grocery store.”*

#### Benefits for the Client

Client choice acknowledges that no two families or individuals have the same needs or preferences. Here are a few ways client choice can benefit the client:

- Enables selection of desired products
- Encourages client dignity, self-esteem and builds trust and satisfaction
- Reduces food waste

Accommodates needs (Certain type of diet, allergies, cultural preferences/restrictions, or limited cooking equipment)

#### Benefits for the Pantry

Offering client choice can benefit the pantry in several ways. Listed below are a few of those benefits:

- Reduces waste and monetary losses; clients choose products they will use and want.
- Allows pantry staff to control inventory and finances by seeing which products are most popular and which are not.
- Volunteer time is not spent pre-bagging, but instead, engaging and aiding clients, sorting/organizing donations, and prepping the pantry for each week.

The St. Cletus Food Pantry will place limits on the amount each family is allowed to take based on our resources, donations, and supplies. This amount will be similar to the current amount that families receive in their pre-packed bags. They will simply be able to choose the item they prefer. For example: dried beans or canned beans. 1 box of cereal, but their choice of flavor, based on availability.

*(Source: Indiana’s Emergency Food Resource Network)*

### LENTEN ALMSGIVING



We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the collection basket or at the Parish Center.

Here’s a note from one of our 2018 Rice Bowls: *“My grandson is 6 years old. He donated his entire jar of money to the Rice Bowl, amounting to \$58.14. I was very touched by his generosity.”*

Your donations are changing lives around the world! Thank you!

*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

Last week some committee members, participants, and volunteers attended the Archdiocesan Domestic Violence Outreach Benefit Gala. It was a good time for all!

Did you know that the Archdiocese of Chicago has a Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry? For more information, including articles, videos, and educational resources, check out their website or social media pages:

Website: [www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

Facebook: @DomesticViolenceOutreach

Instagram: @DVOChicago

Twitter: @DVOChicago



*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 below **You are not alone.***

## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

**Getting Back to Work 101** - If you've been away from the workforce and want to start your search again, be sure to join us on Thursday, April 19 from 7-9 pm. What are some good tactics to help get your search rolling? How do I explain the gap in my resume so that employers will still talk with me? Our speaker, Jim Fergle, will provide strategies and tactics to help get you back into the job market. How to identify your strengths, find resources to upgrade your skills, focusing on your resume and interview preparation will be discussed. Since the job market has opened up and employers are in need of new talent, this is the perfect time to start marketing your transferable skills. Everyone can benefit from this discussion. Jim is the Manager of Job Search and Veterans Services at workNet DuPage Career Center in Lisle. He has over 20 years experience in the employment field and has trained over 7,000 people in career exploration and job search techniques. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further info, [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

## RESPECT LIFE

### **April 8, 2018 Authentic Mercy Is Reciprocal**

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, is a fit moment to reflect on St. John Paul's encyclical which teaches that "merciful love is never a unilateral act." *Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy)*, 14. One who gives with such love is, he says, always also a beneficiary. This isn't easy to grasp or accept but it's worth trying to.

Consider first the assurance that what we do to others *out of love* we do to Christ himself. Cf. *Mt. 25:34-40* Mother Teresa said this many times. This means that the mercy we show to another in love is, as a spiritual reality, shown also to Christ. Like forgivers, the forgiven too bear a likeness to the divine. *Gen 1:26* It is the dignity this likeness brings to each of us that both enlivens a spirit of forgiveness within us and at the same time attracts and makes us worthy and desirous of forgiveness.

Then consider the fifth beatitude -- "blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." *Mt. 5:7* This is a promise that mercy, when extended not merely as a matter of justice but generously as an act of love, will be reciprocated.

Read together, the two passages teach that when we, who have been made for love, forgive another with love, reverencing the reflection of God in the other, we can be confident of the other's forgiveness of us. Even if the one forgiven fails consciously to accept our act of kindness, the presence of the divine within him will. In this way, genuine acts of mercy are unfailingly communal. They profit both. They generate unity.

John Paul sees the Cross as a model for this understanding. When we shape our own actions toward others with the attitude of Christ, the consummate true man, toward us on Calvary, we too, like Christ, are able "to show mercy to others, *knowing that Christ accepts it as if it were shown to Himself.*"

Practicing mercy this way will require a big change for most of us. We'll need to continually purify our intentions which now understand forgiveness only as a one way action from forgiver to forgiven.

An act of merciful love is only really such when we are *deeply convinced at the moment that we perform it* that we are at the same time receiving mercy from the people who are accepting it from us.

John Paul sharpens the point:

[L]ove, and only love – including that love that is called mercy – is capable of *restoring human persons to themselves with the dignity that is proper to them*, uniting the giver and the receiver in a more profound way. (translated into everyday English by Joseph G. Donders)

Let's try merciful love a time or two today and see what happens. Practiced as a lifestyle, mercy of this kind can produce what Blessed Pope Paul VI calls a "civilization of love".

## Second Sunday of Easter

### SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalms** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);  
Julian Calendar Easter  
 Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
 Wednesday: St. Stanislaus  
 Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa  
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
 Friday: St. Martin I

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposito*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

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

### NO THEORY

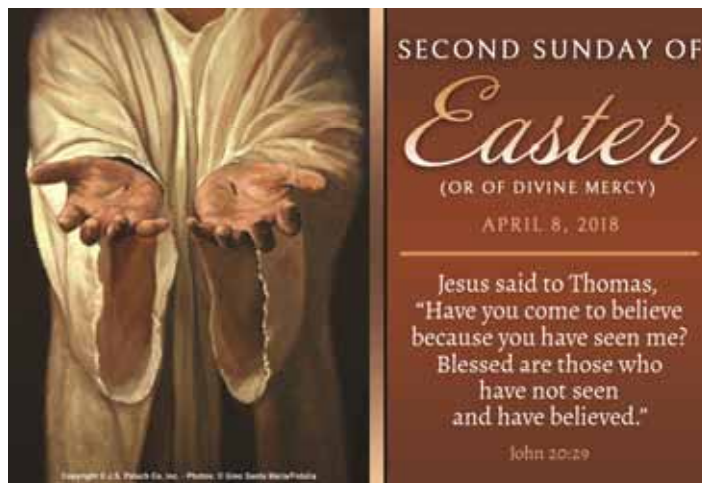
Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair.

—G. K. Chesterton

### EVERYTHING

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

—St. Julian of Norwich





# Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



# MY FAIR LADY

IN CONCERT

## Ken Baker & FRIENDS



2 PERFORMANCES

**SATURDAY**

May 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm

**SUNDAY**

May 20<sup>th</sup> 4pm

St. Cletus Parish Center

Tickets \$35 per person

[www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

Mark your calendars for our next Ed Ward Fine Art Series event. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm Ken Baker & Friends presents "My Fair Lady: in Concert" in the St. Cletus Parish Center on our new stage. This is a ticketed event. Proceeds after all expenses are covered will go to the Final Phase of the Capital Campaign. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at [edwardfas.com](http://edwardfas.com) and after weekend masses May 5, 6, 12 & 13.

**FRIDAY**  
**April 20**  
**7:30pm**

St. Cletus Parish Center

*\$25 Ticket includes beer, wine, soda & snack bar*

# Sing-a-Long-a

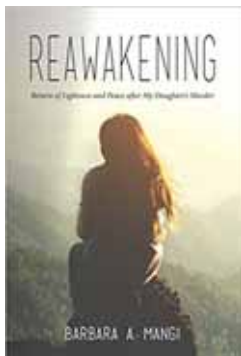
# GREASE



After we got snowed out in February, we were not able to find a date that worked for our Cabaret musicians so we're changing it up this year! Join us as we sing along to the musical Grease! (Guests must be 21+ to attend.)

## Other Ministry News

### FORGIVING THE ULTIMATE TRESPASS



During every mass we pray “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”. But forgiveness can be hard. Please join CREDO on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Gallagher room of the parish center to welcome speaker Barb Mangi. Barb will share how her faith in Jesus Christ brought her through the murder of her 25-year-old daughter, Dana; and will also share her journey towards forgiving Dana’s killer while healing herself and struggling to keep her marriage together.

You may have seen Barb's story in the Chicago Tribune in the article "Mom forgives the man who murdered her daughter, answers his letters from prison" at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/sc-fam-mother-forgives-murderer-0116-story.html>, or seen her recently published book *Reawakening: Return to Lightness and Peace after my Daughters Murder*. Come and meet this inspirational mother who has had to confront terrible loss and learn how her Catholic faith helped her to move forward.

CREDO (Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities)

### THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION TRIP STUDENTS

We are truly grateful for the outpouring of generosity from our parish family to assist us with our fundraising efforts for the Mission Trip. Our second collection combined with our Fannie May Easter candy sales have significantly reduced our costs for this important service trips. Thank you so very much to all who assisted us, enabling us to make our dream of serving others a reality.

We’d also like to thank everyone who stopped by to buy candy bars in support of our summer mission trip on Palm Sunday. We had a steady flow of customers and supporters, and the teens are working hard toward their goal and preparing themselves for a week of service.

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 10th in the school, room 102.

We will be discussing *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons. If you have any questions please call Denise at 708.712.8294.

### BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER



Have you thought about being a lector, an usher, or a communion minister? Give me a call - Paulette Bolton (708) 215-5422

### INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We are a non-profit organization that works with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 100 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapy, and errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church.

Volunteer Drivers - Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an info packet, visit us at [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org). Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

Vases Needed - Our Petal Pusher program is in great need of vases! The smaller, the better! The size of a mason jar is the size we need--think something that would fit in a cup holder. Nothing large, as they are difficult for our older adults to handle. They may be dropped off at 150 S. Ashland Ave., La Grange, (enter our offices on the Catherine Ave. side of the building) between 9am-3pm.

### FR. PATRICK MARSHALL



Fr. Patrick Marshall will be leaving the St. John Paul II Newman Center for a six month sabbatical, beginning July 1, 2018. He will then begin a new assignment within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

You are invited to join Fr. Marshall on Thursday, May 3rd for a special reception at UIC Student Center East - Terrace East 750 South Halsted Street Chicago, IL. Parking located across from venue (760 W. Taylor) for \$8.50. CTA UIC/Halsted Blue Stop located two blocks north of the venue. Business Casual Attire.

You can RSVP for the farewell reception online at <https://tinyurl.com/marchallrsvp>

Questions? Please contact David Avignone @ 312.226.1880 or [davignone@jp2newman.org](mailto:davignone@jp2newman.org)



**LIBRARY INVENTORY UPDATE**

The St. Cletus Lending Library run by CREDO continues to be popular. We did an inventory in March of our books, CDs, and DVDs.

Good news:

- 259 items were checked out and returned in the last year
- 369 items are checked out

Bad news:

- 228 of the checked out items were checked out in 2016 or earlier, so may be lost since they have not come back
- 238 items are missing - not checked out and not on the shelf

Please help keep the lending library viable. When you check out a item, sign the card with your name and phone number. **Return the item within a month.** Thank you.

CREDO (Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities)

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**

Thank you to all who attended the Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday and the music ministers who sang for the event. It was a wonderful service.



**HISPANIC MINISTRY**

On Good Friday our Hispanic Ministry presented the Way of the Cross on the Parish Center Stage.



**ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING**

**Donate Online** Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? Visit [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Then click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions, call Mary Zwolinski at 708 -352-6209.

**WALTER KLIMCKE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Thank you to the Holy Name Society and Father's Club for all your hard work on the Pancake Breakfast. Parishioners enjoyed a great breakfast as well as pictures with the Easter Bunnies, the Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale and the Youth Ministry's Fannie May Candy Bars.



**BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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!



## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Widowed? Going thru ups and downs? Looking for a more hope-filled future? Attend the Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women.

#### Dates/Locations:

April 21 & 22 Amita, Presence, Holy Fam., Des Plaines

June 23 & 24 St. Julie's - Tinley Park

For more info or other dates/locations contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry. Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: www.joyfulagain.org  
IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.

### RIGHT TO LIFE CELEBRATION MAY 18

Illinois Right to Life is celebrating 50 YEARS of changing minds and saving thousands of mothers and babies from abortion at our *Golden Jubilee Celebration* on Friday May 18, 2018 at the Carlisle in Lombard, Illinois. We've invited renowned pro-life comedian and author, Mike G. Williams, to help the celebrate not only Illinois Right to Life's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, but also the birthdays of thousands of babies saved through our work. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we would love for you to join us for an evening of joy, celebration, and looking back on the history of the pro-life movement in Illinois. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit [www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet](http://www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet) or call 312.422.9300.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018



**Archdiocesan Appeal Update** - Gifts received during Commitment Weekend have arrive at the Gift Processing Center and will be processed and acknowledged by April 10, 2018. This includes gifts of cash, checks and credit cards. Thank you to all parishioners for your prayerful consideration and generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



Cole Kostrzewa is an 8th grader who just made his Confirmation, and is a childhood Leukemia survivor. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 19 in La Grange and is starting his Eagle Scout Project. His project is to collect new toys and craft kits for children currently going through treatment at North Western Central DuPage Hospital. The toys will be used for children during weekly appointments, as well as more difficult procedures and surgeries. Cole will be speaking at the Masses this weekend. A box for donations will be in the St. Cletus Church Narthex the next 2 weekends. Thank you for your generosity.

### NAZARETH ACADEMY



**HONORS/AP OPEN HOUSE** - Prospective 6th and 7th grade students and families are encouraged to get to know more about Nazareth Academy's Honors and Advanced Placement curriculum at a special Open House on Thursday, April 19, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Questions - Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 or [kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com).

### TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL



**PARENT SHADOW VISIT** - Visit the International Baccalaureate and College Prep Classes, or any combination of the two programs. Learn why Trinity offers the total experience in a single-gender environment.

Thursday, April 19, 2018, Check-in at 8:30 AM (Pre-registration not required). Enter through the main doors on Lathrop Ave., 7674 West Division, River Forest, IL. For more information call 708.453.9374 or email [mtansey@trinityhs.org](mailto:mtansey@trinityhs.org)

### BOOK SIGNING AT THE CATHOLIC SHOPPE



Come meet Susan Tassone! Best selling Catholic Author. Susan will be signing her Newest #1 Best-Seller, St. Faustina Prayer Book for Adoration The Perfect Book for Adoration!

Saturday April 14th 10am - 2pm.

DuPage Marian Center/The Catholic Shoppe 317 W. Ogden Ave, Westmont

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED ON APRIL 21ST

The Lyons Township High School Varsity Choir will be performing with the internationally acclaimed Wartburg Choir at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Chicago (1500 Belmont Ave) on Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 pm.

Following the concert, the members of the Wartburg Choir are seeking housing with host families to provide the following: a bed, and access to bathroom and shower facilities Saturday evening, breakfast on Sunday morning, and a sack lunch for the road Sunday.

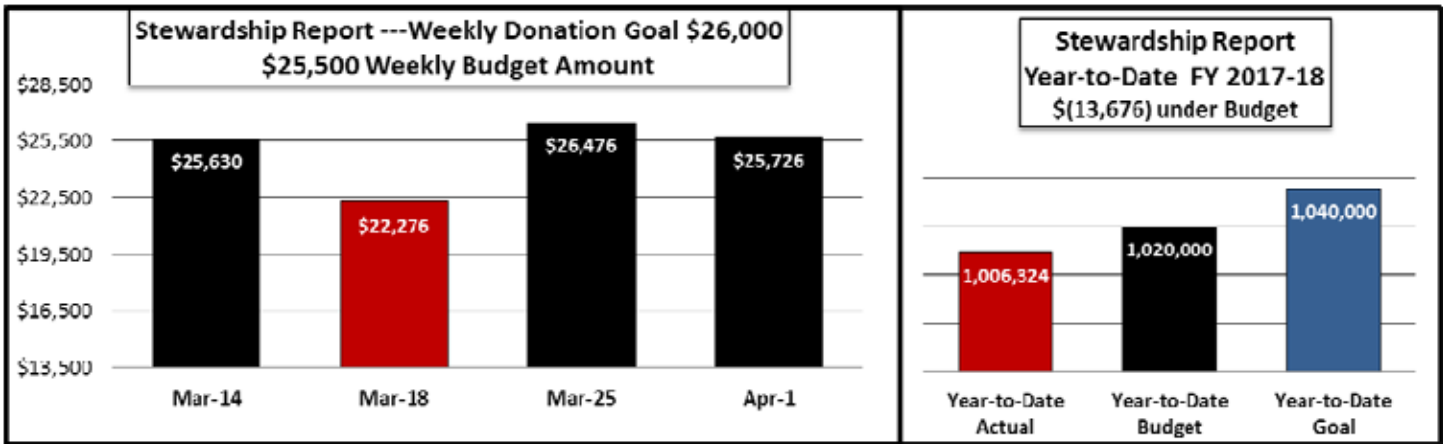
Although we encourage host families to attend the concert, it would not be a requirement, as we plan to bus the students back to LTHS North for pick up in the parking lot following the concert. That would also be the drop off point on Sunday morning. We hope that this added convenience will serve as an incentive to volunteer.

We are looking for 20-25 host families for Saturday, April 21. Families who are interested in can fill out this google form: <https://goo.gl/forms/mwsRUCkRt2edaG8y2> or contact Stephanie Klemetson at [musictours@wartburg.edu](mailto:musictours@wartburg.edu) or 319-352-8743.

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 8	7:00am 11:00am	Narthex Church	Welcome Committee Family Mass
Monday, April 9	4:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Rm Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, April 10	7:00pm	School Rm 102	Book Club
Wednesday, April 11	9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Baptism Prep Girls Church League
Thursday, April 12	5:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Rm School Music Rm	Children's Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, April 13			
Saturday, April 14	5:30pm	Parish Center Gym	Girls Church League Games
Sunday, April 15	4:00pm	School Rm 201	Teen Encounter

## Stewardship Report



## Preferred Providers




**Jeffrey R. Tobolski**  
Cook County Board  
Commissioner 16th District

*Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.*

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
 Español .....(708) 215-5440  
 School .....(708) 352-4820  
 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

## 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.

## STAFF

**PARISH STAFF**  
**Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, Deacon Couple**

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**Mary Zwolinski, Parish Accounting**  
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**Carol Scatena, Weekend Assistant**

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