

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

— 1 Corinthians 6:19



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

*"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

JOHN 1:36

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- JAN. 17: CREDO - *Pivotal Players*
- JAN. 28: St. Cletus School Open House
- FEB. 9: Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus - *Cabaret*
- MAR. 3: St. Cletus Spring Auction - *Night at the Races*



## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 15 - January 21, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	George Lathrop
Tuesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention - Rob Stafford
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Louis Vieceli
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Peter Kujawa, Delphine Marciszewski, Frank Wojcik
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise Jr.
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	Jack McLaughlin, Dennis Gabriel, Jay Wilkins, Madeline Gits, Julie Kerrigan, Ken Kakareka, Georgia Popp
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Frances & Al Jachimek, Eileen Kurland
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Joe & Carole Stuart, Diane Bradford
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Bob Thomas
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**Ernest Dufner**

**May he rest in peace. Amen.**

### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The office will reopen Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

### COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend there are envelopes in the pews for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please place these envelopes in the normal collection. Many people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the second collection!

To learn more about the collection, please see page 11 of the Canticle or visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### 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.*

**January** - Dennis Campbell, Marlene Heyes, Victoria Teska

**December** - Kyle Marsden, Frank Colonna

**November** - Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Eileen R. Peters, Kay Petalick, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley, Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfig, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso, Connie Monzel, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowski, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Frank Niwa

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

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

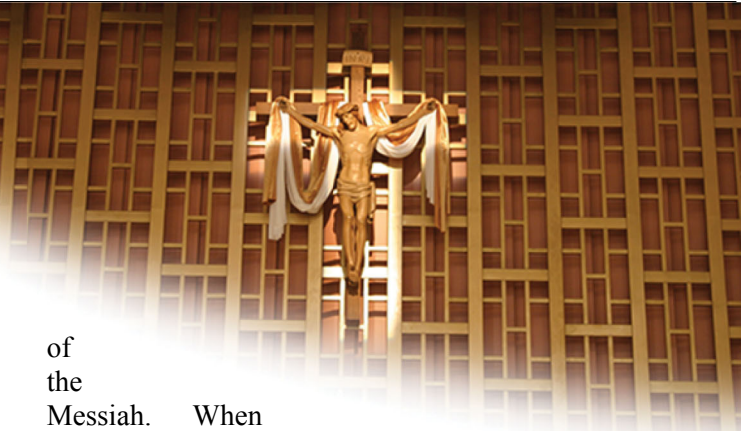
### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At 12:30 pm on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1963 shots rang out in Dallas, Texas, and the world was stunned to learn of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the thirty-fifth President of the United States. Whatever historians subsequently unearthed about the man's alleged shortcomings; there was a palpable sense of tragedy, of a promising bright future being brought abruptly and cruelly to an end. People who were alive at the time will almost invariably be able to tell you where they were, what they were doing and whom they were with, when they learned the shocking news of Kennedy's death. (I was attending my Grandmother Clark's funeral at the Methodist Church on the east-side of Joliet, IL along with my family). It was a decisive moment of history, an event which literally changed the course of world events. Things would never be the same again.

There is the same sense of a momentous event in today's Gospel. We are told the exact time when those two disciples of John the Baptist first met Jesus: the tenth hour, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This may be an unimportant, trivial fact perhaps, but an indication of just how important, how life-changing that first encounter was for Andrew and the other disciple, who was possibly St. John, the evangelist himself. Their lives changed so much that they can tell us exactly when and where it happened.

Tantalizingly, the evangelist doesn't tell us the content of that encounter. He doesn't tell us what Jesus said to him and Andrew, nor what questions they asked. He doesn't describe Jesus or where he was living. John simply says that they accepted his invitation to come and see, and they stayed with him for the rest of the day. Perhaps the conversation was too personal to be recorded, or perhaps a written account would not be able to convey its effect or the power of the presence of Jesus. Certainly the Lord had a profound effect: the two disciples left John the Baptist to become followers of Jesus, and Andrew wasted no time in telling his brother Peter: "We have found the Messiah."

Perhaps, too, the gospel writer realizes that an encounter with the Lord must be a unique event, something which each potential follower has to experience personally. It's not something which can happen second-hand; it cannot be experienced vicariously. The Lord issues an invitation, but it is up to us to respond. We have to be in a state of readiness, open to hear the Lord's call. Samuel was already living in the Lord's sanctuary – in the right place to hear the call. And the two disciples were already followers of John the Baptist – predisposed to the coming



of  
the  
Messiah. When  
the call came, they responded  
without hesitation.

As Christians, we believe that we have been called, and that we are following the Lord, however falteringly or hesitantly. But we must have a real personal meeting with the Lord, and not simply go by what others have told us about him. Whether or not we can pinpoint an exact moment when we first encountered him, we need to allow our relationship with Christ to change our lives irrevocably. By spending time in his presence, we learn to see as he sees, judge as he judges, act and speak as he does.

The call to follow, the invitation to spend time with the Lord, is never a once and for all experience. It is a daily happening. As we grow in discipleship, as we learn to recognize his voice and walk in his ways, we learn that he speaks in many ways: not just through the authentic teaching of the Pope and Bishops who, like Eli and John the Baptist, are able to point us in the right direction. Christ is also able to speak to us through everyday events and people. Peter, remember, was brought to the Lord by his brother Andrew.

As Samuel shows us, recognizing the Lord's voice and presence can be a gradual affair, just as discipleship is a life-long commitment, not a one-day only decision. Perhaps today the Lord is calling to us most persistently in the faces of those in need: in the faces of the poor, the homeless, the victims of war, violence or oppression, the sick and the dying, the lonely and the unloved. Whenever we can see and serve the Lord in these people, we know that we really have become his disciples.

*Yours in discipleship,*



**Fr. Bob**  
**Pastor**



# Parish School



## DATES TO REMEMBER

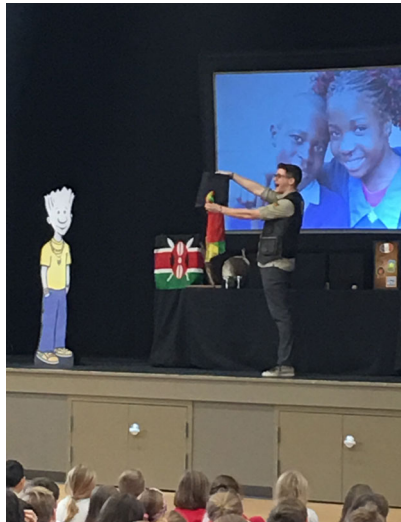
Catholic Schools Week Open House..... January 28  
 8th Grade Confirmation ..... February 3  
 Spring Auction ..... March 3

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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

### Kindness Adventure

This week Ned's Kindness Adventure assembly came to our school to present its message of kindness, respect and acceptance through storytelling, music, videos, magic, and audience participation. The program is designed to support initiatives for developing a positive and caring school climate. Each student walked away knowing that everyone has a superpower to share ...it's a SMILE.



### Cardinal Classic Tournament

The new Parish Center was full of life over Christmas break as we hosted our first Cardinal Classic Basketball Tournament. The 7th grade boys team was joined by teams from Most Holy Redeemer, St. Cajetan, and Sts. Peter and Paul for a fun night and some exciting basketball.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success.



# St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

St. Cletus builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and recognizes the diverse talents and individual learning styles of our students.

Our focus on academics, religious education, and spiritual development balanced with extracurricular activities supports our mission to develop well-rounded students.

- Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum
- Half-day and Full-day options for Kindergarten and Preschool

## Open House

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Find out why SC is the right choice for your family. Call (708) 352-4820 or stop by the school office to setup a tour!



St. Cletus Supporters:

We are excited to announce the 2018 Spring Auction, "A Night at the Races," which will take place on Saturday, March 3 in the St. Cletus Parish Center. This fundraising event is fulfilling a crucial financial role for the school. We invite you to GET INVOLVED and make a contribution to this very important fundraising event.

The St. Cletus School Auction Committee is in the process of pulling together great auction items from community sponsors, but history has proven that most of our highest earning auction packages come from St. Cletus Parish families and friends like you. We hope you will help us again this year through your very generous donations to this important school event.

Help us make this event spectacular with your donation using the form below!

GIFT: \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF GIFT FOR AUCTION PURPOSES – PLEASE BE SPECIFIC  
(Age, Material, Size, Style, Restrictions, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

GIFT CERTIFICATES (should be valid for one year). Please choose one:

_____ Gift Certificate ATTACHED	Expires _____
_____ Please have St. Cletus MAKE the gift certificate	Expires _____

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE: (Donation Deadline for Silent Auction Items is January 31, 2018)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver donation to St. Cletus School

\_\_\_\_\_ Please pick up my donation.      It will be ready by: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DONOR AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR THANK YOU PURPOSES:

NAME OF BUSINESS (if business donor): \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED DONOR FORM TO THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL OFFICE BY JANUARY 31ST:  
700 W. 55<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LA GRANGE, IL 60525**

More information can be found on our website <http://auction.stcletusschool.com>. Your support of St. Cletus School is sincerely appreciated. St. Cletus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You will receive confirmation of your tax-deductible contribution for your records.

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Cereal
- Laundry detergent
- Toiletries
- Canned soup
- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.

### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to Village Potters who donated \$1,000 to our food pantry as part of their 2017 Empty Bowls Fundraiser. For more information about this great local business visit: [www.villagepotters.com](http://www.villagepotters.com).

Thank you to all who helped at this month's food pantry distribution! We are so grateful for all of the donations and volunteers that help make this important ministry happen.

*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)*

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

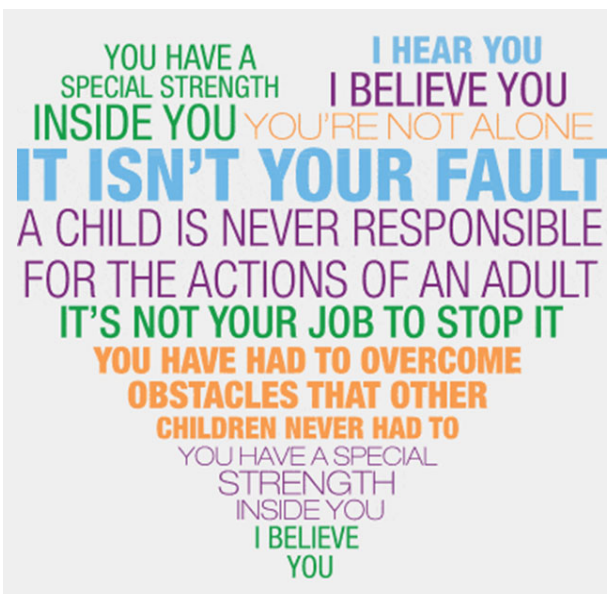
#### Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

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 ([kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)) or 708.215.5418 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 to the right.*

***You are not alone.***



### INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

#### Discover Your Transferable Skills!

Join us on Thursday, January 18, 7-9 pm for this highly engaging and focused skill building session specifically designed to help you identify the transferable skills that can help create more opportunity in your job search. Transferable skills are your key to making the match, widening your search and expanding your "qualifications" for a new industry, field or role that "fits". Are you stuck on a "one track" job search with limited opportunities? Are your past experiences defining your future opportunities? Are you not exactly qualified but you know you can do the job? Come get the information and inspiration you need to expand your thinking, take action and achieve results. Our speaker, Jody Eriksen, will empower and inspire you to reach for your next level of success. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

#### Winter 2018 Career Transition Boot Camp

Start the New Year with support and direction in your job search. Learn new skills and gain confidence. Join us for a 5-week workshop that will teach you the tools to land the right job! We meet on five consecutive Tuesday evenings starting January 23, 7-9 pm. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every



session (if possible) to make the most of your training. We look forward to seeing you at The First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For additional information, please contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqsedler@aol.com).

Interfaith Career Network offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Interfaith Community Partner now offers delivery service from area libraries to home-bound older adults. Interfaith Community Partners has united with four local libraries to offer home-bound delivery service for older adults, 60 and better, with the intention of providing library materials to people who would have no other way to receive them. These partnering libraries include La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs, and Hodgkins. How it works is that every two weeks, volunteers from ICP will deliver books and other library material to your door on a Saturday. After two weeks, a volunteer will pick them up and drop off a new batch.

To sign up and request your library materials, you need to have a valid library card from your respective library in the town in which you live and you need to complete a form which you may download and print by visiting [www.InterfaithCommunityPartners.org](http://www.InterfaithCommunityPartners.org) and clicking on Services.

If you have further questions, please call the ICP office at 708-354-9328.

**BEDS 6TH ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD EVENT**



Please join us for the sixth annual Soup & Bread Event benefiting BEDS Plus.

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3–7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets, 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside

Join us for this cozy, family friendly gathering featuring 16 restaurant partners, a variety of sweet table items, 5 musical acts and craft beer tasting. Tickets are \$25 per person. Children under 12 are free.

Tickets: <http://beds-plus.org/soup--bread-event.html>

**RESPECT LIFE: ROE V. WADE**

January 22 is the 45th anniversary of Roe v Wade when the Supreme Court “legalized” Abortion at ANY STAGE.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops join with other Christian Faiths and Religions as part of the **March for Life** in Washington DC., Chicago, and other cities across the nation. The March in Washington DC will be Friday January 19th. Watch it Live on EWTN 8am -4:30pm. EWTN will broadcast from Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception the opening Pray Vigil for Life on Thursday, January 18th 6:30–8 pm.

The Cardinal’s **Annual Respect Life Mass** will be at Holy Name Cathedral at 11 am Sunday January 14th followed by the Chicago March for Life at 2 pm-4pm THIS AFTERNOON January 14th. Join us at the Federal Plaza downtown Chicago.

The **Archdiocesan Youth Rally** and Busses leaving from Saint Cletus will be here on Wednesday the 17th. You are welcome to come and observe (participate in) the enthusiasm of the Pro Life Youth.

**Stop by the table in the Narthex** and the Literature Racks where our own Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities has information you can take home.

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**



**JANUARY 18-26**

Join thousands across the country coming together in prayer and action!

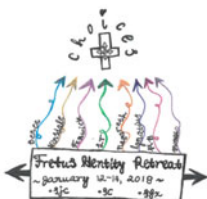
9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join and learn more at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**4 WAYS TO JOIN**



# Youth Ministry

## FRETUS IDENTITY RETREAT



This weekend many of our Freshman and Sophomore students are on retreat to connect with God and make new friends!

Please pray for our teens, that they may successfully navigate the changes and choices in their lives during High School, and work to strengthen their relationships with family, friends and God.

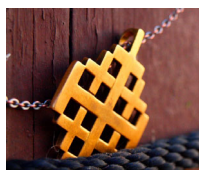
## MARCH FOR LIFE SEND OFF



**Do you want to make a difference? Do you wish your voice could be heard?**

Get involved by joining us on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Church for the Rally and Send Off for the March for Life! Many people from the Archdiocese of Chicago will gather at St. Cletus Church for a rally before departing on buses for the long ride to Washington DC to participate in the National March for Life. We are encouraging all teens of the parish to join us for the rally at 6 p.m. to send off the marchers with style! Please join us for this engaging and meaningful rally!

## KAIROS RETREAT



Kairos will soon be accepting applications for K28 taking place in March. Kairos is a phenomenal retreat for Juniors and Seniors. Keep watching for updates!

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**February** Sign ups for Women’s Church League will begin in February and the St. Cletus Young Men’s Church League teams begin playoffs!

**Feb. 11** Encounter – Join us for Happy Hour at Eve Assisted Living in Hinsdale!



**Mar. 28** Encounter – Come together to make lunches for clients of Beds Plus



**April** Encounter – Help us to make a meal for residents of the Ronald McDonald House, Date TBD



**May 5** Encounter – Outing to Feed My Starving Children



# Religious Education

## CLASSES RESUME JAN 21/22

Please note that Religious Education classes will resume on January 21st and 22nd.

## FAMILY EVENT

*Make Lent*  
**40 DAYS**  
OF AWESOME

All Religious Education families are invited to our special **Family Event on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12 noon in the Parish Center.** We will be focusing on how to make Lent

40 days of Awesome for your family. Join us for an engaging, interactive experience. Let’s make Lent AWESOME this year!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is returning to St. Cletus this summer!** This year’s theme is Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus, and will occur on June 18-22, 2018. Registrations will begin at the end of January.

Stay tuned for more details!

For More Information:  
Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education  
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com  
(708) 352-2383



# Other Ministry News

## CREDO PIVOTAL PLAYERS - WED. JAN 17



The fourth influential person in Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players is Blessed John Henry Newman. We will learn how he influenced Vatican Council II. All are welcome to attend. We will meet Wednesday, January 17 at 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it. Please use the side doors of the school next to the church.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



*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](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards.

If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

## ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Cabaret will be held in the St. Cletus Parish Center on Friday, February 9th. Tony Kidonakis is back on piano with Shana Petrone on vocals and Jeff Snyder returns on the sax!

Admission includes beer, wine, snacks, and entertainment. \$40 with RSVP, \$45 at the door. RSVP online at [www.edwardfas.com/cabaret-rsvp](http://www.edwardfas.com/cabaret-rsvp)

We hope to see you there!

## 1ST ANNUAL ALUMNI BOYS CHURCH LEAGUE REUNION



January 7th St. Cletus hosted the first alumni boys church league game in the Parish Center. 25 college aged boys participated in this parish council sponsored event. The guys played pickup basketball from 3-6pm and enjoyed pizza. Our alumni loved the new gym and parish center and look forward to planning future gatherings in the new space.

## 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



## ST. CLETUS PARISH FAMILY MASS



Join Us As We Celebrate Family Mass

January 21, 2018

11:00 a.m. Mass

## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal  
"Come, Follow Me"

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we thank you for your gifts.

The ACA offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, Follow Me." As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.



## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice.

In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Speak, for your servant is listening  
(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalm** — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will  
(Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?  
(1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
Wednesday:	St. Anthony
Thursday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Friday:	Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
Saturday:	St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Ordinary Time” began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ’s birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don’t enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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

### CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales



# Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

In rural Peru, like in many other countries, opportunities for the faithful to celebrate even the basic rituals of our Catholic faith are often few and far between. Frequently, children cannot receive the sacraments of initiation, and Mass cannot be held regularly. Without missionaries and catechists, the people living there cannot learn about, experience and share the beauty of our Catholic way of life.

Your support to the Collection for the Church in Latin America has helped the *Siervas del Plan de Dios* (Servants of the Plan of God) train lay people to become Catholic missionaries and catechists in parishes. The sisters have set up a missionary formation program as a step toward enlivening and sustaining the Catholic faith.

The sisters are trained professionals providing comprehensive services to their communities. Sr. Carmen

Cárdenas, general coordinator of the Servants, said that the education her sisters receive to become nurses, doctors, teachers, administrators, and psychologists helps provide the best services to the frailest and the poorest in the communities they serve. The sisters teach children and work in hospitals as doctors and nurses, caring for the sick and terminally ill, as well as caring for those who are living on the streets. Sometimes they are the only health practitioners in the area.

With your help, the sisters bring the love and tenderness of God to these remote areas and have shown people living in Peru the mercy of Christ.

For more information on how you can help the Church in Latin America, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



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## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN



#### Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.

*"I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."*

**March 3 & 4, 2018 OLA Retreat House, Lemont**  
(Overnight incl.- no commuters.)

**April 21 & 22, 2018 Presence/Holy Family Med Ctr.**  
(No overnight available here.)

For more info contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry.  
Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com,  
website: www.joyfulagain.org (Short video on website.)

IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.

### BELLARMINE JESUIT RETREAT

"The Beatitudes: A Faith for Head, Heart, & Hands" an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Women. February 2-4, 2018 with Carol Ackels.

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House • 420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261 • www.JesuitRetreat.org.

### HEALING THE HOLY LAND

The Peace in Palestine Committee of La Grange is excited to welcome Dr. Khadra Salami and Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya on Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Khadra Salami

A Palestinian pediatric oncologist at Augusta Victoria Lutheran Hospital



Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya

Head of the Pediatric Emergency department at Israel's Hadassah Hospital

Join us as these amazing physicians share stories and discuss their work together saving lives, developing Palestinian healthcare capacity and building bridges to peace. Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange • 200 N. Catherine, La Grange.

### ST. BARBARA'S IN BROOKFIELD

Multicultural Taste of St. Barbara on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 6-9pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, IL. Food and drink tickets available at the door. Bring the family for food, drink, raffles & fun!

### LTHS TRIVIA NIGHT

**February 3, 2018 - Hosted by LTHS Booster Club & PTC**  
Support your local high school at our Trivia Night Fundraiser. Doors open at 6 pm, Questions at 7 pm/ Via Bella, 5412 S. LaGrange Rd. , Countryside. Please register teams by January 21st. Buy tickets online at: ltboosters.com/shop-support/

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PASTORAL MINISTRY WINTER 2018

#### Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

January 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8

Register: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond) or call the Parish Office (708) 246-4404. Cost: \$10 fee

#### Marriage Enrichment 7 Principles Retreat

January 13, January 20 & February 3 from 9am-Noon in the Parish Center. Cost: \$195 per couple Cost includes: 9 hours of instruction by trained Gottman educators, 1 copy of The 7 Principles Book , 2 Couple Workbooks.

#### Support Ministry for the Bereaved - Seasons of Hope

Mondays 7:00-8:30p.m. - Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

More info: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/)

### COMBONI MISSION

The Comboni Fathers of LaGrange Park invite you, to join them on a fifteen day Mission Trip, to Uganda. Fr. Chris Aleti, Director of the Comboni Mission Center, will be leading this trip, which will leave Chicago on May 31st, and return on June 14th, 2018. If you are interested in joining, please contact them at 708.354.1999 or [cmcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmcoffice@sbcglobal.net). The Fathers will be hosting planning meetings, at the end of February, to finalize the details of the trip.

## Preferred Providers



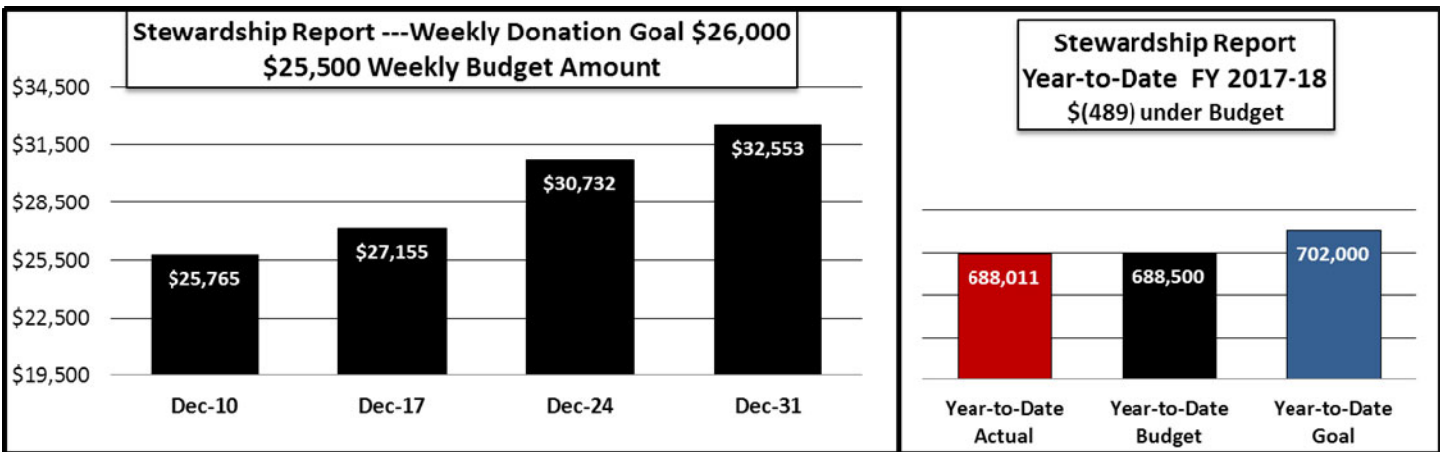
**Jeffrey R. Tobolski**  
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Commissioner 16th District

*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.*

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 14	7:00am	Narthex	Respect Life Committee
Monday, January 15			Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, January 16	6:30pm 9:00pm	Rectory PC Gym	RCIA Boys' Church League Basketball
Wednesday, January 17	9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Church School Rm 98 PC Gym	Mission Ladies Youth Rally and Send-off for March for Life CREDO - Pivotal Players Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, January 18	5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	School Music Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir SVDP Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, January 19			
Saturday, January 20	6:00pm	PC Gym	Boy's Church League Basketball
Sunday, January 21		School	Religious Education Classes Resume

## Stewardship Report



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2017 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bkallal@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically.


Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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**  
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