



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

The following individuals received the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 23, 2019:

Isabella <i>Francis</i> Adkins	Ava <i>Francis</i> Gusentine	Emily <i>Veronica</i> Pasch
Stephanie <i>Catherine</i> Baker	Isabella <i>Rita</i> Gusentine	Jacklyn <i>Virgin of Carmen</i> Pedroza
Jenna <i>Rita</i> Battista	Adam <i>Sebastian</i> Hamm	Jonathan <i>Jude</i> Pedroza
Nicole <i>Julia</i> Bendyk	Robert <i>Thomas</i> Havelka	Anne <i>Josephine</i> Petrak
Michael <i>Augustine</i> Bergquist	Caroline <i>Paula</i> Hayden	Paige <i>Isabella</i> Petrovich
Brady <i>Anthony</i> Brantner	Emma <i>Cecilia</i> Hendrix	Zachary <i>Lawrence</i> Petrovich
Elisabeth <i>Adelaide</i> Braun	Karla <i>Cecilia</i> Hernandez	Gianna <i>Catherine</i> Pigatto
Molly <i>Anne</i> Burke	Kevin <i>Stephen</i> Jacobs	Margot <i>Katharine</i> Pooler
Derek <i>John</i> Cabana	Aaron <i>John</i> Johnson	GraceAnne <i>Clare</i> Pullappally
Ava <i>Guadalupe</i> Calderon	Felicity <i>Elizabeth</i> Klancir	Benjamin <i>John</i> Radulski
Rogelio <i>Peter</i> Cansino	Grant <i>Richard</i> Kostrzewa	Devany <i>Agnes</i> Ramirez
Natalia <i>Teresa</i> Caron	Grace <i>Elizabeth</i> Koziol	Erik <i>Sebastian</i> Ramirez
Samantha <i>Gianna</i> Chopp	Charlotte <i>Bridget</i> Lange	Linsley <i>Teresa</i> Rickman
Madelyn <i>Francesca</i> Ciampaglia	Roberto <i>Sebastian</i> Llanes	Ellen <i>Margaret</i> Rife
Ryan <i>Michael</i> Clifford	Nicholas <i>John</i> Lord	Lauren <i>Patricia</i> Robinson
Patrick <i>Patrick</i> Cramer	Alexander <i>Raphael</i> Luna	Brandon <i>Paul</i> Rodrigo
Elizabeth <i>Clare</i> Crist	Jack <i>Blaise</i> Magee	Vanessa <i>Lucy</i> Rodriguez
Lucas <i>Matthew</i> Cuchran	Quinn <i>Sebastian</i> Magee	Antonio <i>Paschal</i> Ruiz
Francis <i>Dominic</i> Curtiss	Mia <i>Rose</i> Malave	Noah <i>George</i> Sadowski
Griffin <i>Gregory</i> Davis	Christopher <i>Christopher</i> Martinez	Peter <i>Jude</i> Sanchez
Alyssandra <i>Ruth</i> De La Torre	Karen <i>Mary</i> Martinez	Jacob <i>Isaac</i> Santiago
Leo <i>Sebastian</i> De Santiago	Ava <i>Gertrude</i> McGuire	Lauren <i>Therese</i> Schinker
Emmett <i>John</i> Driscoll	Emily <i>Emily</i> Medina	Sara <i>Catherine</i> Schinker
Kate <i>Lucy</i> Durkin	Joshua <i>Joshua</i> Medina	Merritt <i>Cecilia</i> Schneider
Denisse <i>Guadalupe</i> Elizondo	Luis <i>Louis</i> Medina	Benicio <i>Peter</i> Silva
Patrick <i>Joseph</i> Engels	John <i>Peter</i> Meyers	Jovanny <i>Arthur</i> Silverio
Hannah <i>Elizabeth</i> Eskra	Nicholas <i>Peregrine</i> Milano	Karina <i>Anne</i> Silverio
Gabriella <i>Gabriel</i> Estrada	Patrick <i>Edward</i> Monahan	Marc <i>Albert</i> Skrip
Quinn <i>Patrick</i> Farnan	Diego <i>Isidore</i> Monroy	Kaelyn <i>Teresa</i> Sloan
Declan <i>Sebastian</i> Foley	Zoe <i>Gianna</i> Montemayor	Maureen <i>Brigid</i> Staelgraeve
Jonathan <i>John</i> Garcia	Christopher <i>Christopher</i> Morales	Kaitlyn <i>Catherine</i> Sweeney
Sofia <i>Lucia</i> Garcia	Benjamin <i>Michael</i> Moreno	Damian <i>Albert</i> Szaflarski
Serena <i>Agatha</i> Garza	Nicholas <i>Maximilian</i> Morlock	Carson <i>Hubert</i> Tischler
Graham <i>Peter</i> Gilsdorf	Sophia <i>Elizabeth</i> Morrissey	Alexis <i>Divine Infant</i> Toledo
Eric <i>Juan Diego</i> Gonzalez	Conor <i>Vincent</i> Mulcrone	Matthew <i>Robert</i> Uphues
Jovana <i>Christina</i> Gonzalez	Kelsey <i>Cecilia</i> Murdoch	William <i>Patrick</i> Wangard
Madeline <i>Elizabeth</i> Gonzalez	Megan <i>Teresa</i> Myers	Patrick <i>Peter</i> Wenstrup
Natalia <i>Teresa</i> Gonzalez	Colin <i>Peter</i> O'Brien	Leo <i>William</i> Wiemelt
Brady <i>James</i> Gorman	Matthew <i>John Paul</i> Ozark	Sean <i>John</i> Williams
	Justin <i>Thomas</i> Paluch	

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 25 - March 3, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, James Deslauriers
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Les Zaczek, Donald Dohr, Irene & Tom Cecil
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Pacana, Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper, Elizabeth & Francis Pirman
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Michael Pizzuto
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Marcie Johnston, Irene & Tom Cecil
Saturday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Joseph & Kay Klemak
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Phyllis Prevenas, Ken Kareka, Ted Seger
Sunday	Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, George Duda
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stacy Baker
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Rose Haddad, Eileen McMillin
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Walter Mateevy
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, March 2-3, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6

Masses and Distribution of Ashes

6:30am, 8:00am, 9:20am (school), 6:30pm

Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes

3:30pm

Spanish Mass and Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm Parish Center

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 and click the "DONATE" button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Marriage Banns



Sara Hoffman & Ed Marchese

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.

February - Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, George Sedlacek

January - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek, Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera

December - Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Gene Gajos, Jim McLamore, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, Rachael Schopp, Dr. Max Scheyerer, John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski, Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley, Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda, Laura Biesadecki, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello, Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein

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

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

COME, FOLLOW ME...
and share the Word

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal in-pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, Follow Me...and Share the Word,” was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal supports the faith formation of people of all ages across our Church. This begins in our parish life and continues through our Catholic schools, religious education programs and various ministry areas. Moved by Christ’s call for us to live as disciples, we come together through the Appeal to care for our Church.

Once your parish reaches its annual goal, 100 percent of the over-goal contributions will be returned to your parish for its needs or other charitable use.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM CARDINAL CUPICH

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A new year presents a unique opportunity to prayerfully reflect on what we have learned, how we have grown both individually and as a Church, and what more needs to be done. Understanding that this last year was not without challenges, I want to thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation reminds us that our words must match our deeds and ensures that as we walk the path to a more just world, we do not walk alone. With Christ as our guide, together we support Catholic schools and parishes in need, religious education and ministerial formation, and other initiatives across our Archdiocese.

Pray for the people who will benefit from your generosity. And, of course, please pray for me, as I am always praying for you. May God bless and keep you and all your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

February 25 Queen of Hearts Drawing
 February 27 School Mass
 March 30 Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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4TH GRADE SCIENCE LAB

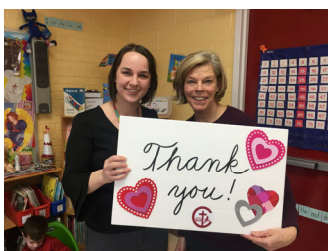
Our 4th graders studied animal diets and then worked in groups to design and build toothbrushes for the animals based on their diets. They also prepared PowerPoint presentations to accompany their oral presentations.



2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside. \$75 per person includes food, entertainment, live & silent auctions! We are currently looking for donations of gift cards, vacation homes, sporting event and theater tickets for our auction. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Cletus School.



THANK YOU!

It is our mission to make Catholic education accessible to as many families as possible. Thank you to everyone who donated to St. Cletus School during our day of giving on February 14 and all year long.

ST. CLETUS
Queen of Hearts
RAFFLE
JACKPOT \$4,200+

THE ST. CLETUS QUEEN OF HEARTS 50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS...

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, February 25.

Raffle Details: In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55th Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES! Get your tickets at Kenny's today! (Winner need not be present to win.)

Religious Education

GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT

In this month of Love, we had many opportunities to see God's love in action in Religious Education! Last weekend our 4th Grade classes took a loved one to class with them to participate in LOVE DAY. They were awarded medals for being the "best" at a variety of things, such as Best Hugger, Best Mom, Best Dad, Best Cook, and many more! They made a loving craft together, and also participated in a special blessing for each other. It was a love fest!

This weekend, we saw God's love and spirit abound at our Confirmation celebration, where 118 teens were confirmed by Bishop Manz. It was a Spirit-filled and moving celebration for the Confirmandi, Sponsors, Parents and Catechists. We are very proud of our young adults who celebrated this Sacramental moment, and welcome them to embrace new roles in our Church as they look to join different liturgical ministries.

If you did not have the opportunity to see your child's Confirmation photo at the Bishop's Reception, you can go to Killoran Photography at <https://killoranphotography.smugmug.com/2019-Confirmations> to review and purchase a photo. They should be posted on the website in the coming week.

All families are reminded to bring in a bag of food for our Good Neighbor Food Drive this weekend in RE!

A LOOK AHEAD...

February 24 & 25 Good Neighbor Food Drive – bring your bag of food for the pantry!

March 3 & 4 Regular RE Classes in Session, 8th Grade classes on retreat Sunday from 9:15 a.m. – 12 noon in Morrissey Hall; Special Needs meets in PC

March 10 & 11 Regular RE Classes in Session, 5th Grade on Monday Evening present the Living Stations of the Cross

March 17 & 18 Regular RE Classes in Session, 5th Grade on Sunday Morning present the Living Stations of the Cross; Special Needs meets in PC



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you ready to roar? Head out on an African adventure and create a stampede of fun at this year's vacation bible school (VBS). Experience jaw-dropping discoveries and run wild with high energy activities.

VBS runs June 17-21. Sign up today on our website, <https://stcletusparish.com/vbs>



For more information please contact Barb Campbell,
Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | 708.352.2383

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Cleaning Products
- Paper Towels
- Baby wipes
- \$10 Walmart cards (distributed at our April food pantry nights for Easter)

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).



ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

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

FOOD PANTRY

1,221.74 lbs of food for just \$157.24!!! Our purchasing power is much stronger at the Greater Chicago Food Depository than at the grocery store.

This is all that was included last week's order, delivered right to our door. Thanks for your monetary donations that help us get this great food to our neighbors!



Instant Oatmeal	24 Canisters	\$15.50	\$0.65 each
Strawberry Jelly	72 Jars	\$63.30	\$0.88 each
Canned Plums	48 Cans	\$22.48	\$0.47 each
Mac & Cheese	96 Boxes	\$25.84	\$0.27 each
Canned Pineapple	24 Cans (large)	\$30.12	\$1.25 each
Zucchini	90 pounds	FREE	
Pears	70 pounds	FREE	
Potatoes	80 pounds	FREE	
Apples	114 pounds	FREE	
Cabbage	50 pounds	FREE	
Dry Pinto Beans	48 bags (3 lbs.)	FREE	
Almond Milk	24 quarts	FREE	
2% Milk	54 half gallons	FREE	
Grilled Chicken Strips	54 packs	FREE	
Chicken Drumsticks	45 packs	FREE	
Plastic Gloves		FREE	
Total Weight: 1,221.74 pounds		Total Cost: \$157.24	

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS • SERVICES • PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

General Contact 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 purple box to the left. You are not alone.*

MISSION LADIES

The Mission Ladies are looking for donations of eyelet fabric. Do you have some new or gently used material that would be suitable?

We are looking for white material, in good condition. This fabric is used to make baptismal bibs gifted to children and their families when they are baptized at St. Cletus.



Donations can be dropped off in the food pantry bins in Church. Thank you!

LENTEN OUTREACH



As we prepare for Easter, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after Masses

March 9-10. All ages are welcome.

To sign up visit <http://bit.ly/2MO1OKC> to view slots and sign up.

WORD OF LIFE



“Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God’s design that ‘the two shall become one’ (Mt 19:5).”

“Healing within Marriage from an Abortion”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
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AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross will gather to continue discussing ways we can partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. Save the date for our next meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7pm in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center. All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Kendall Grant.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

GEM NOMINATIONS - Aging Care Connections will celebrate the volunteer efforts of older adults who have generously given their time to make their communities thrive at a luncheon on May 1st! ***Do you know a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Township, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others?*** If so, chat with them about this special award and ask them if they are interested in being nominated. If they are, please complete the form on our website <http://agingcareconnections.org/> and send it to communitygems@agingcareconnections.org. The deadline to submit your Nominations form is Friday, March 1, 2019.

CREDO Movie Night

March 1st

Heaven is for Real



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CREDO Movie Night: *Heaven is for Real*

"This movie is so down-to-earth and supernatural at the same time, that you better buckle up.... Sometimes God sends us little reminders that Heaven is real, and in a way that isn't in literature. Sometimes we are given a message through a four-year-old that can't be explained by science or psychology....This is a close encounter with accountability, and demands a life overhaul. From what I hear, it's all worth it."

- Marya Hayes, <http://catholicmom.com/2014/04/16/>

March 1st at 7 pm in the school kindergarten room (go past the main doors of the parish center and look for the lit up room in the school). We hope you can join us!

CREDO – Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture’s way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus’ teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: World Day of Prayer; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

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DESTROYING ONE’S ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln

RECIPROCITY

If God loved us as much as we love God, where would we all be?

—Anonymous

A Note from Fr. Ken Baker

My friend, lyric baritone Robert Sims is headed to Lincoln Center to present Masters of the Spiritual. And guess who's going with him to direct his concert. Me! Join us in a send-off celebration of music from Broadway to Spirituals as we get ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER. Tickets are \$35, available at www.kenbakersings.com.

KEN BAKER & FRIENDS
Presents
ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 7pm
St. Cletus Parish Center in Clark Hall
600 W. 55TH St. La Grange, IL
TICKETS \$35 at www.kenbakersings.com

Ken Baker Robert Sims

Ken Baker & FRIENDS

Cynthia Clarey Beckie Menzie & Tom Michael TreDiva

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus

Q-CARES

Support the Fine Arts Series by having lunch or dinner at Q-BBQ La Grange, 70 S. La Grange Rd. on March 4 and 20% of your bill will be donated back to the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus. Fliers will be available at the March 3rd Stirred Not Shaken concert and on our website: www.edwardfas.com.

Ed Ward FINE ARTS SERIES
AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

Stirred NOT SHAKEN

Sunday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Parish Center
FREE ADMISSION



Join us next Sunday for a free concert as the Jazz Trio "Stirred not Shaken" performs the Best of the Jazz Standards

FUNDRAISING DAY

Return this form and Q-BBQ will donate 20% of your entire bill back to your organization.

ORGANIZATION: Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus

LOCATION: Q-BBQ La Grange, 70 S. La Grange Road

DATE: March 4, 2019 11am – 9pm

Other Ministry Notes

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS!!

All St. Cletus Parish Girl Scouts are invited to share in our annual Girl Scout Mass on March 2nd 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Come join together with other Girl Scouts in praising our Lord! Please bring a canned food item to donate to our St. Cletus Food pantry. Dress nicely and wear your uniform.

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age
Mt 28:20

As announced at last weekend's Masses, St Cletus has started a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal.

The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. There is no commitment, other than a desire to offer prayer to the Lord for healing in His church - for wisdom, guidance and grace to be bestowed upon our church leaders at all levels.

You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by.

The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please pass your name and address to the rectory and we will send you each offering via the US postal service.

Thank you to all those who have signed up already. If you have not yet, please prayerfully consider joining the ministry! Thank you.

Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

YOUTH MINISTRY



KAIROS March 14 – 17, 2019

Registration is ONLINE ONLY, and can be found on the St. Cletus Parish Website, under Youth Ministry.

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
mzurowski@stcletusparish.com | 708.352.5419
Instagram @stcletus.youthministry

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – MARCH MEETING



SAINT CLETUS
HOLY NAME
SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society's March meeting will be held on **Friday, March 1st at 8:00 PM in Morrissey Hall**. At the request of St. Cletus School, we are meeting in Morrissey Hall rather than the Parish Center. We will return to the Fr. Gallagher Room in the Parish Center in April. This may sound familiar – a similar message was given in error last month.

Here is what's new! The St. Cletus School principal, Tom Chinske, is scheduled to speak at the March meeting. We will also discuss the upcoming Pancake Breakfast.

All men of the parish are welcomed to attend our meetings!

AREA-WIDE ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



St. Francis Xavier Church
124 N. Spring Avenue
La Grange
(Just west of La Grange Rd & Ogden Ave)

Monday nights, for 7 sessions between February 25 and May 9, 2019

Contact Kate DeVries, Pastoral Associate, 708-352-0168 or kdevries@sfxlg.org

St. Francis Xavier Church in La Grange will be hosting an area-wide Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Adults (18 and older) are most welcome.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, Feb. 25, March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1, & April 8, in Unity Hall (signs will be posted). Sessions will go from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, with the exception of April 8, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, to attend the Parish Reconciliation Service. The celebration of Confirmation will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church within their Teen celebration, on Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm.

Registration is necessary. Details and the registration form can be found on the parish website: www.sfxlg.org (and click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on April 9th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. Because the February 12th discussion was cancelled because of inclement weather, on April 9th we will discuss both **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman originally scheduled for February and also **The Storyteller's Secret** by Sejal Badani.

All are welcome!

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

WORSHIP MINISTRY

From St. John's Abbey

Tim, a medical doctor, is grieving the death of Jill, his wife of over 50 years. Their relationship clearly had retained a lot of its original freshness. He wrote: "I have been trying to feel the love for Jesus that I felt for Jill. I know the book reasons why I should, but I cannot duplicate that emotional love I had for my wife. I pray for it." A thoughtful look at the commandment in Deut. 6:4-7, later repeated by Jesus, might make anyone of us pause: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

If we had to feel an emotional love for God such as we feel for a spouse or a dear friend, I think many of us would be in deep trouble. How many of us discuss this over dinner? I did look up Jewish authorities on the commandment as it appears in the Hebrew Bible. They make the point that love for God means desiring to do the will of God, what God asks. To put God's will before all other loyalties. I think it would be rather rare for an ordinary mortal to feel an emotional love for God. I'm partial to the idea that we show love for God, apart from emotional feeling, by doing what conscience tells us is the right thing to do, what the teaching of Jesus asks of us regarding our neighbor.

Very likely there may be a mystic or any person who spends several hours a day in prayer who does have ecstatic feelings of love for God. I write, I suppose, as a less fervent believer. Once more, with feeling: I think to love God means to do the things God would ask of us: comfort the troubled, take care of the poor, care for suffering or disabled people, be patient with other drivers, gentle with our families and friends.

Don Talafous OSB

<http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org>

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY



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, jerryconverses@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.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS LENTEN MORNING OF MEDITATION

Saturday, March 16, 9:00-11:30am (8:30am Hospitality) in the SJC Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs.

Dr. Bruno Cortis, MD on The Healing Power of the Spiritual Heart: How to Communicate with your Spiritual Heart, the Healing Power of the Biblical Heart, & Spiritual Tools that Promote Healing.

Periods of Meditation - All are invited: Those who meditate, Those who want to know more about meditation. Sponsored by the Christian Meditation groups (wccm-usa.org, wccm.org)

Reservations requested but not required. Contact: Betsy 708-246-8315 or wccmchgo@gmail.com

Free will offering appreciated.

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN



Widowed and feeling stuck? Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women March 9-10. (Incl. overnight) at the Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont and March 30 & 31 at the Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines. To register call: 708-354-7211, e-mail joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

Spend a weekend with Adrian Dominican Sisters for "A Time to Come and See for Yourself"

March 1-3, 2019 • Adrian, Michigan

For women ages 25-35:

- Meet other women discerning God's call.
- Join the Adrian Dominican Sisters for Sunday Liturgy.
- Have time for prayer, reflection, silence, sharing, and fun.
- Learn about the life of a Sister and Dominican life.
- Tour the Motherhouse campus and engage in conversation with our Sisters.

NO CHARGE — you are our guests.

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>

LOCATION: Weber Retreat & Conference Center
1257 East Siena Heights Dr. Adrian, Michigan 49221

MORE INFORMATION: Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP
tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org | 517.920.1395 (call or text)

SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

The Suburban Catholic Social Group (SCSG) is welcoming new members. We are a Catholic faith based group for ages 40's and up meeting monthly for social and spiritual activities. We have been together for 10 years, creating great friendships along the way.

Our events include dinner and a movie, bowling, hiking, attending mass and lunch together, Stations of the Cross, service events and much more! We welcome any and all ideas!

For more information or questions about our group, you can find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/suburbancatholicsingles> or email scsgillinois@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

COSSITT CLOTHING SALE

Cossitt School will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 9th, from 8am – 1pm. SELL! We make it easy to sell your gently used children's clothing and merchandise – from coats to costumes, cribs and cleats, shoes and more. You keep 60% of the sale price. BUY! Find amazing deals on gently used spring and summer items from infant to size 16. Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. To register online and see complete list of our new Programs: www.csjthewell.org or 708-482-5048

Deepening Our Understanding of Dreams – Part 2

Thursday, February 28, 10-11:30am Facilitator: Ann Letourneau, Psy.D, CSJ Let Ann Letourneau help you make sense of those wild dreams. To prepare for this program, write down your dreams upon waking (before the dreams fade with the light) with as much dream detail as possible and bring them to the workshop. Cost: \$20 (Attendance at Part 1 is not required.)

New Year, New Church? Thursday, February 28, 7-8:30pm

Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ This presentation and discussion will review the troubling events in our institutional church over the last several years, providing history and opinion. There will be time for directed sharing and discussion. Just as the lamentations in our Scriptures always conclude with hope, may our lamentations this evening come to a hopeful conclusion of actively claiming what is ours to do at this point in time. Cost: \$20

Moving Through the Energy of Grief Saturday, March 2, 9-11:30 AM

Facilitator: JoAnne Scullin Grief is a powerful emotion that comes in response to many life situations: stress, physical disease, surgery, chronic pain, cancer treatment, addiction recovery, end-of-life transition, psychological issues, etc. Understanding how we connect with ourselves and others energetically and techniques for healing can be helpful. Join us for a morning of being with ourselves and our grief from an energy perspective. Cost: \$25

Start off St. Patrick's Day with a festive Mass and Irish Brunch for the benefit of The Well – Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 AM. Register soon to save your place.

ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop: Friday, March 22nd (6-9pm) and Saturday, March 23rd (9am-4pm). Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

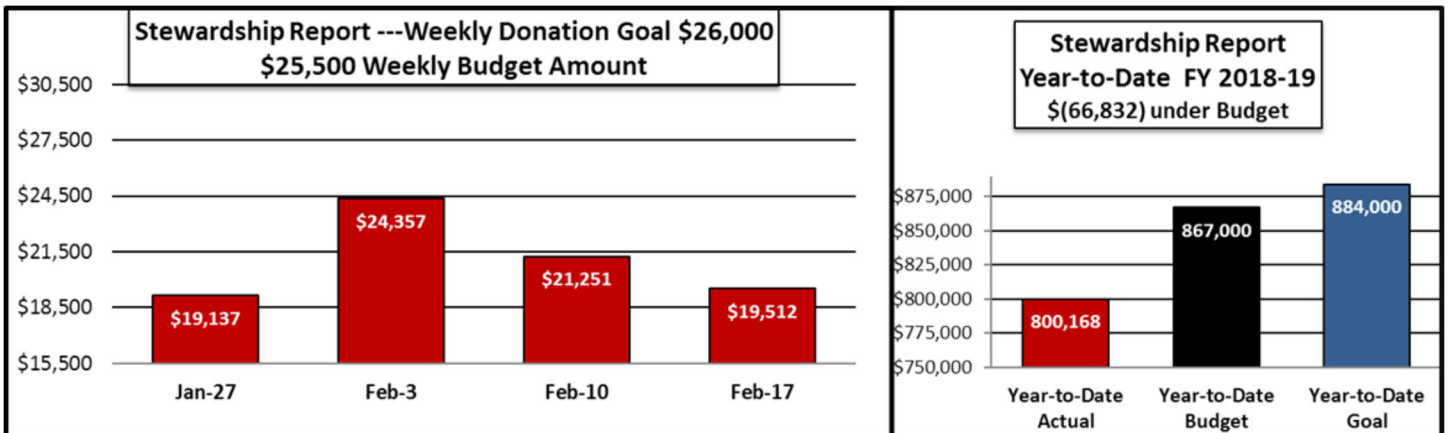
MARCH NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its March St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or shrine@stritahs.com.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 24			
Monday, February 25	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room PC Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, February 26	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Rectory Basement Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting RCIA Spanish Holy Hour SVDP Meeting
Wednesday, February 27	9:00am 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room PC Gym	Mission Ladies Boys Church League Practice
Thursday, February 28	5:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	School Music Rm School Music Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys Church League Practice
Friday, March 1	7:00pm 8:00pm	School Kindergarten Rm Morrissey Hall	CREDO Movie Night Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, March 2	5:00pm	Narthex	Welcome Committee
Sunday, March 3	7:00am 4:00pm	Narthex Parish Center	Welcome Committee Fine Arts Series Concert: Stirred not Shaken

Stewardship Report



5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare
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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new parish center 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 most months at 11:00 a.m.

Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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

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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