

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



**The Lord secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.**
— *Psalm 103:6*

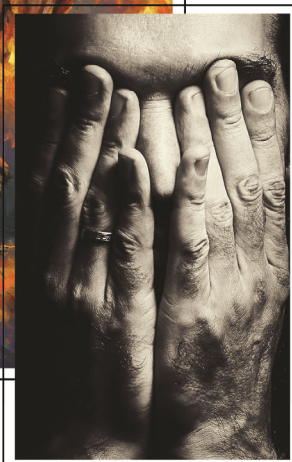
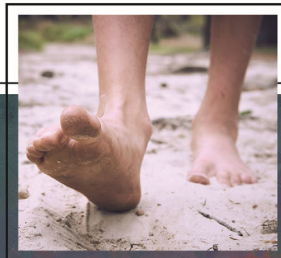



MARCH 24, 2019
*Third Sunday
of Lent*

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

~ Exodus 3:4, 5



Mass Intentions for the Week of March 25 - March 31, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper, John E. Toncray, Stacy Baker
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Frank Lesh, Yolanda Stachon
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Wilhelm Waellisch
Saturday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Theodore Lihosit, Tom Lihosit Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ken Kakareka, Andrew Jaskierski, Jim Deslauriers Special Intention - Louis Pesut
Sunday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda Stacy Baker Mary Hickey, Genevieve Dyrzon, Stephanie & Luby Ruich, Ernest Blecic Raymond Tobolski, Vito Valentino, Special Intention - Helena Radziszewska St. Cletus Parishioners

PLEASE JOIN US THIS LENT...

- 8:00am Daily Mass
- Adoration on Tuesdays begins at 8:30am and continues through the 6:00pm Holy Hour
- School Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm on Thursday
- Friday Taizé Prayer at 7:00pm

A full list of our Lenten events can be found on page 9.

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Claire Marie Bhandarkar

Daughter of Monica Heckman & Mike Bhandarkar

Eliza Jo Fry

Daughter of Dana Knickelbein & Taylor Fry

Cora Anastasia Garbis

Daughter of Linda Hiller & Taso Garbis

Ada Yi Kuang

Daughter of Lindsay Rapacki & John Kuang

Kimber Faith Parchem

Daughter of Holly Klancir & Colton Parchem

Jaxon Rorke Parchem

Son of Holly Klancir & Colton Parchem

Isabella Anna Raila

Daughter of Sarah Stone & Mark Raila

Matthew Donald Swiderski

Son of Jennifer Welter & Jason Swiderski

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.



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.

March - Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Nicole Will-Montemagni

February - Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, George Sedlacek, Rachael Schopp

January - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek, Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley, Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, Laura Biesadecki, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello

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

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Notes from Fr. Bob...

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mike was sixteen years old when he landed up in an institution for young offenders. He blamed his troubles on “mixing with the wrong crowd”. Today he is twenty-four, finishing his degree and heading for medical school. It’s a monumental turnaround. But how did it come about?

He was lucky to be offered a scholarship from a program which provides finance for young offenders and those at high risk of offending. Those behind the foundation – judges, lawyers, police officers, government officials and concerned citizens – believe any young person can become an educated, responsible and contributing member of society if they are given financial and other support. There is an interview process and the young offenders must have support from probation and parole officers.

The foundation has also established library programs in four youth detention centers, and a steel-band program aimed at confidence building; and detainees are taught to repair and maintain bicycles, and sharpen and care for skates. Those items are then distributed to low-income children, providing the young people behind bars with a chance to give something back to the community, and instilling in them a sense of pride – something most of them are sadly lacking. A judge who is a patron of the foundation says, “I’ve always believed in giving young people a second chance and the results pay dividends, not just to the kids, but to society.” Mike himself is grateful for his second chance. “They supported me,” he says. “I was given hope when there wasn’t hope.”

Today’s parable has been called the parable of the second chance because it teaches that God offers people a second chance, as the apostles Peter and Paul could testify. The gardener tells the owner of the vineyard that it is necessary to give the fig tree another chance to produce fruit. With nourishment and care, something may come from the life of the tree.

This parable follows two stories highlighting the need for repentance and starting lives anew in order to move forward with God. Jesus is told of two terrible recent tragedies: some Galileans have been murdered in the Temple in Jerusalem, while at Siloam a tower has collapsed, killing eighteen people. People are saying that there is a connection between these tragic events and the moral disease in their midst. Jesus calls for repentance and assures his listeners that it is never too late to turn around their lives to bear fruit in God’s eyes.

When Jesus asks people to repent, he is not simply asking

them to

do something

religious; rather, he is

asking them to dare to see

differently, to look at God, the world and themselves through a different lens. The time to repent is the time to let go of one way of seeing and thinking in order to embrace the risk of seeing and thinking differently and, therefore, living differently.

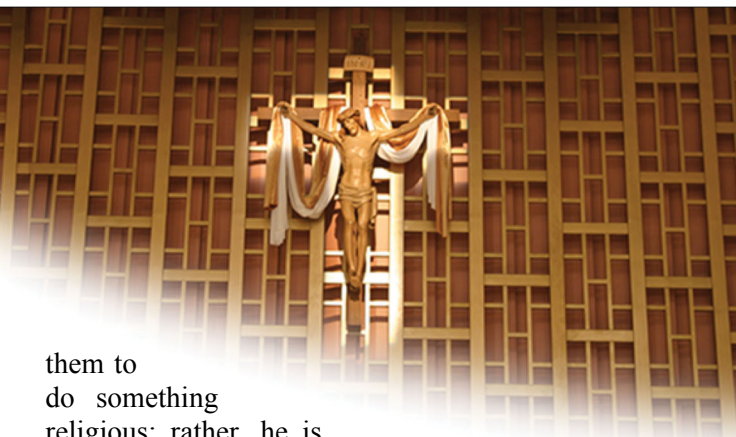
We tend to think of the word “repent” as a bit old-fashioned, perhaps as meaning that we should be walking around beating ourselves in public. But in the New Testament the word translated as “repentance” is the Greek word METANIO. This word means “a change of mind accompanied by regret and change of conduct”. Lent is an opportunity for new beginnings for ourselves, and perhaps we should take the opportunity to give one another a second chance.

Consider someone whom we really don’t like, perhaps who has wronged us or someone who is socially unacceptable. What can we do to give them a second chance? Do we know of any young offenders or young people who are unemployed and harboring a grudge that society has let them down? What measures can we take to help give them a second chance? Some Christian projects work with young offenders trying to reintegrate into society, or help unemployed youth to gain work skills. We could find out about such initiatives and support them.

And what about ourselves? The death and resurrection of Christ assures us that God never gives up on us, even if we give up on ourselves. Perhaps we need to give ourselves a second chance and allow those around us, particularly those who love us, to help us start anew. All kinds of assistance can be given, but it is up to us to be responsive to the care that is given. We can think of the little fig tree, and find those things that nourish us and urge us to grow stronger and more faithful as we strive to turn our lives around.

Lenten Blessings and Grace,

Fr. Bob Clark



Parish School



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ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

March 27 D4D at Portillo's Willowbrook
 March 30 Spring Auction
 April 15 Spring Break Begins

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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WIZARD OF OZ

The St. Cletus School Junior High performed the Wizard of Oz last week. They did a wonderful job bringing to life this classic musical. Thank you to the students, parents and teachers who worked tirelessly to make each performance a success. Photos courtesy of Sara Hodak Photography.



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March 27, 2019
 5:00pm - 8:00pm
 at the Portillo's located at:
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 Summit, IL 60501

We look forward to seeing you there!

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SCIENCE FAIR SUCCESS

Congratulations to 8th grade students Gabriella Estrada, Serena Garza, Grace Koziol, Jacob Santiago, Sara Schinker, and Kaelyn Sloan who recently competed in the Illinois Junior Academy of Science's regional science fair competition.

Good luck to Gabriella, Serena, Grace, and Jacob who are advancing to the Illinois State IJAS competition.

Celebrate Sr. Noreen on Sunday, March 31st at 11am Mass



SR. NOREEN GEORGE, OP

Celebrate 75 Years in the Lord’s Service at 11a.m. Mass on March 31st!

Reception to follow in the Parish Center. All Are Welcome.

“SHARE THE TRUTH OF GOD’S GOODNESS AND THE GOODNESS OF GOD’S CREATION”

So states the mission of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan.

And so has been lived for 75 years and beyond by one of our own very special parishioners, Sister Noreen George, OP. “Shaped by the integration of study, prayer, ministry and community in a preaching mission centered on contemplation and engagement in the world” has been the life’s work of a small French-Irish girl from a family of 7 from Flint, Mi.

Her resolute spirit seemed to sprout at the early age of 3 when she entered Kindergarten so she could be with her older brothers at school. The family moved to Toledo, Oh. for a time but due to changes caused by the Great Depression returned to Flint. Eventually, Sister went off to St. Joseph’s Academy in Adrian, Mi. She missed her family deeply but her father kept her posted with family news by sending her a letter every 2 weeks. Summers were spent together at her grandmother’s farm where all pitched in, in the fields and in the house, still leaving time for fun and play.

High school years at the Academy were memorable as World War II raged on and affected the George family when her 3 brothers enlisted and went away. Life was changing for the young George girl also as she contemplated entering the convent.

In February of 1944, before completing all her high school studies, Sister Noreen made the transition from the Academy to the postulate (entry level for religious life). She already was used to early rising, efficient dressing time, going to Mass, cleaning her room, classes, study time before and after dinner, free time and silence before lights out. Such was the routine at the Academy so she was well prepared for the change. Her memories were wonderful and taught her good time management skills. She was grateful to her family who were respectful and supportive of her decision to enter the Dominicans.

Sister was professed on August 18, 1945 and left for her first assignment the next day for St. Jude’s Parish in Detroit, Mi. The school was large and staff few so double sessions were in order. The next move was to a much smaller school teaching Kindergarten and lasting 3 years in Georgetown, S.C. From 1953-1960, Sister moved up in the world (literally) to Cleveland, Oh. teaching in a large high school.

From that point on, 1960-1997, Sister’s special talents were recognized as she was named principal at a number of high schools, ending at Holy Trinity Elementary School in Westmont after 19 years there. Sister reiterated that she could “have stayed at each place forever” as there were special blessings that she experienced at each school.

Sister landed at St. Cletus 47 years ago when her late priest brother who was recovering from illness invited her to stay with him at his LaGrange home. She cared for him until he was able to return to his parish assignment. She continued to look out for others as she welcomed a longtime Sister friend into her new home and cared for her through a lengthy fatal illness.

Sister now has a delightful housemate, Sr. Jean Keeley. The 2 of them are devoted caretakers of the earth: recycling, composting, reusing-attempting to have a positive impact on our environment. Sister Noreen has made friends with the manager at Starbucks and collects coffee grounds regularly for renewing the earth.

Both Sisters meet early Friday mornings outside in Broadview (a former detention center and current admin. office) to pray the rosary with a dedicated group of people to pray for our immigrants.

You can find Sister Noreen at the 8:00 Mass along with another special Dominican, Sister Pat McKee, former DRE at St. Cletus. Surely they will tell you:

As in any life’s vocation, there have been challenges and hurdles but also joys and friendships that have endured over the years.

Sister Noreen has written these words of wisdom on a life well served:

“All of my assignments seem now to be just what I needed. I needed that place and those people at that very time. Each influenced my life and helped me grow, to appreciate my blessings, to understand better the meaning of God’s love for me and for all creation, to know the blessings of community.” AMEN.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes
- Mac & Cheese
- Dry pinto beans (1-3 lb. bags)
- Diapers (sizes 5 & 6)
- \$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

Volunteer slots are now open through the end of June! Slots fill quickly so sign up if you are interested in helping at Thursday night distributions from 5:30-8:30pm! <http://bit.ly/2GrgAWt>



ENCOUNTER LENT



Encounter the Dhathcroos family - The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



We Pray - For the Dhathcroos family, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees who are returning or have returned home, that they find abundant resources with which to rebuild their lives. For refugees returning home who find it difficult to rebuild their lives.

WORD OF LIFE



“Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things* how saying ‘I love you,’ ‘I’m sorry,’ ‘I forgive you,’ and ‘Thank you’ can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End,” www.usccb.org/endoflifecare

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Respect Life Ministry Meeting March 25 - 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, contact Kendall Grant.

IL Catholic Conference-Life Advocacy Day 2019 - April 3, 2019, is our Life Advocacy Day. We will be taking coach buses to Springfield, IL at 6:00 a.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. The Cost is \$10, which will provide a lunch and training/education by Illinois Catholic Conference. We will also have a chance to pray the rosary as a group in front of the Capitol Building. The pick-up and drop-off site is St. John of the Cross in Western Springs. Please register and sign up now at <http://bit.ly/2ThLrvw>

Prayer for an End to Infanticide - The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

SAVE THE DATE & SAVE YOUR STUFF! The St. Vincent dePaul Donation Truck will be here May 4-5!

Clean your closets. Change lives forever.




We welcome the following donations!

We welcome donations in boxes and/or bags.

- > Clothing
- > Blankets
- > Tools
- > Books
- > Shoes
- > Draperies
- > Lamps
- > Toys
- > Purses
- > Linens
- > Small Furniture**
- > Office Supplies
- > Jewelry
- > Rugs
- > Household Goods
- > Old Electronics***
- > Baby Items****

Free items are provided through our emergency voucher program, which provides free clothing, furniture, and household items to those in need
 Furniture – larger items can be brought to stores or call to schedule a pick up
 Old Electronics – computers, lap tops, key boards, mice, flat screen monitors
 ****Baby Items - excluding baby cribs****

Thank you! 

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INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Volunteer drivers needed to transport older adults

Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Volunteer drivers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application, visit us on the web at InterfaithCommunityPartners.org, and like us on Facebook. We'll work with your busy schedule.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Search and Development Boot Camp, Last Week - Please join us on Tuesday, March 26 from 7-9 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. For our final session, Co-facilitator Jim Peterson will discuss the fundamentals of networking and provide tips on job hunting after "50". In addition, co-facilitator Susan Sedler will recommend a plan for developing your personal career strategy. There is no cost to attend the Boot Camp. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further info, please visit: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is the heart of our nation’s response to domestic violence and sexual assault, and must be reauthorized promptly. In its 25-year history, VAWA has transformed how we think about domestic and sexual violence and how our systems respond to survivors. Programs and protections created by the VAWA increase victims and survivors’ access to safety and justice, assuring them that they will be heard and helped. VAWA recently expired because of the government shut down. However it has been re-introduced, and we ask your help to see that it be pushed forward.

We ask that you TAKE ACTION NOW and contact your local representative asking them to support this bill, HR 1585.

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.

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.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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 AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

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TAIZE SERVICE MARCH 29



Please join us for an evening of Scripture, Music and Prayer on Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. as we share in a Taizé Prayer Service. It is a beautiful way to spend 45 minutes of peace and calm-filled moments to renew your heart this Lenten Season.

Come alone, with a friend, or with your family. All are welcome.

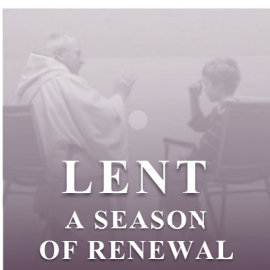
WHAT IS TAIZE?

Today, ecumenical services “in the spirit of Taizé” are held around the world. As the Taizé community explain the service: “This is meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.”

As people gather quietly in church, they pick up a worship aid and a candle. A few lit candles are surrounded by a few icons, symbols of the faith. People sit during the first few songs and then all stand and a few people (often children) come forward to light their candles which, in turn, they light the congregations’ candles.

When all candles are lit, an Alleluia is sung and Scripture is read. A song follows and each person comes to the front and places their candles in the pots provided. When all have presented their candles, all sit in silent prayer for about 10 minutes. A time for sung prayers for our brothers and sisters near and far, follows, concluded by the Our Father. A final hymn is sung and all are invited to share a sign of peace.

PARISH RECONCILIATION APRIL 1



We invite you to join us on Monday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. for our parish reconciliation service. Priests from around the area will be available to hear confessions after a brief prayer service. Confessions are also offered Saturdays at 4:15pm (except 4/20).

LENT
A SEASON
OF RENEWAL

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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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: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
- Monday: Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday: Abstinence

STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor
All its birds and all its blossoms
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.

—Longfellow, *Hiawatha*

LENT

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ST. CLETUS PARISH

Join us during Lent



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 24 	MARCH 25 	MARCH 26 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	MARCH 27 	MARCH 28 2:30pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 29 7pm Taizé Prayer 	MARCH 30 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions Spring Auction CARDINAL PROUD 
MARCH 31 11am Celebration of Sr. Noreen, Reception to follow.	APRIL 1 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service 	APRIL 2 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	APRIL 3 	APRIL 4 2:30pm School Stations of the Cross	APRIL 5 7pm Stations of the Cross 8pm Holy Name Society Meeting  SAINT CLETUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY	APRIL 6 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Welcome Committee
APRIL 7 Welcome Committee in Narthex 	APRIL 8 	APRIL 9 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	APRIL 10 9:00am School Prayer Service, Washing of the Feet 	APRIL 11 2pm & 7pm Living Stations presented by the 8 th grade students 	APRIL 12 7pm Stations of the Cross 	APRIL 13 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions CRS Rice Bowl Collection this weekend 
APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY 7am-12:30pm Walter Klimke Pancake Breakfast 	APRIL 15 No Confessions	APRIL 16 No Confessions 8:30am Adoration 6:00pm Holy Hour with Benediction	APRIL 17 No Confessions	APRIL 18 HOLY THURSDAY No 8am Mass No Confessions No Food Pantry 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY No 8am Mass No Confessions 3:00pm Passion of the Lord in Church 6:30pm Passion of the Lord in Spanish in the Parish Center	APRIL 20 HOLY SATURDAY No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets 
PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY						APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY 
Easter Sunday Services: 7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)						Easter Vigil 

Letter from Cardinal Cupich

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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March 23, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With this letter I write to you about a development that should disturb us greatly, both as citizens and as disciples of Jesus, the Lord of life.

Recently, two bills have been introduced in the Illinois House and Senate. The first, House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, both identical pieces of legislation, seeks to strip unborn persons of any protection – or even consideration – under the law and declare abortion to be a “fundamental right” and matter of health care. The end result is that an abortion could be obtained at any stage of pregnancy, including late term, for any reason and without any regulation. The law would no longer guarantee any modicum of humanity or compassion for any unborn person in Illinois, even if they are partially born. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses and hospitals who refuse to permit, recommend, perform or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections, will be lost.

The second piece of legislation House Bill 2467 and its identical Senate Bill 1594, repeals the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, upheld unanimously by the Illinois Supreme Court just six years ago, has the common-sense purpose of ensuring that parents would be part of the life-altering decision of their minor child in the case she seeks an abortion. This effective law has reduced abortions performed on minors by fifty-seven percent.

As citizens of a state and people of faith who care about the common good, I urge you to join me and my brother bishops in an effort to defeat this radical departure from current law and practice in our state. Please reach out your State Representative and Senator to urge defeat of these bills. You can find the name of your appropriate politicians and their contact information at <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/>. To find out more about these bills, please consult the Catholic Conference of Illinois website, www.ilcatholic.org, or call the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity at 312-534-5355 for further information.

Entrusting our efforts for all life, from the moment of conception until natural death, to the care of our Blessed Mother, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago

Other Ministry News

SPRING AUCTION



2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

Please join us for the 2019 Cardinal Proud Auction to be held at Capri Banquets on Joliet Rd in Countryside on Saturday, March 30. Tickets are \$75. Join us in your St. Cletus Spirit wear or casual dress attire.

Help us reach our goal of \$80,000 that directly goes toward the Operating Budget of our Parish School. Take part in the Nacho Bar, food made by Capri, and late night pizza. There will be many silent raffle items and some fabulous Live Auction items, as well as basket raffles. Come relax, eat, drink and dance. Meet some new people or stop and say hello to Principal Tom Chinske or Assistant Principal Christy Schaefer! It's Always a Great Day to be a Cardinal!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Join us for our next meeting on Friday, April 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Gallagher Room. All men of the parish are invited. We will be discussing the pancake breakfast which will be held on Palm Sunday.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on April 9th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. 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

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). St. Cletus VBS runs June 17-21. Sign up at <https://stcletusparish.com/vbs>

YOUTH MINISTRY

Girls Church League Registration is OPEN!

Find the registration form on our Parish Website homepage.

Registration will close on Friday, March 29th.



Apply to be a Kairos Leader or to serve on our Kairos Fourth Team!



Current high school juniors/seniors who have attended one of our Kairos retreats can become a Kairos leader. The application can be found on the Youth Ministry page of our Parish Website. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, April 5.

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

SCCCW



WE NEED YOU on Saturday, April 13th 4-6pm & Sunday, April 14th 7:30am- 12:30pm.

Time to bring out your favorite recipes for the annual CCW Bake Sale in conjunction with the Holy Name Society's Pancake Breakfast. It will be on Palm Sunday, April 14th and we need your help.

First, we need all you bakers to drop off your favorite dessert to the parish center in a disposable container with a list of ingredients (for allergies). Hours for drop off will be Saturday, April 13th 4-6pm or Sunday, April 14th 7:30 -9am. If necessary you can drop off a little later but we do need time to price & sell.

Hours of the sale will be Sunday, April 14th 7:30am to 12:30pm. in the Gallagher Room of the parish center.

Last but not least, we need volunteers to work the Sale & Drop off. Times to volunteer are 4-6pm on Saturday or 1-2 hour slots during the Sale time of 7:30-12:30 on Sunday. Please call Geri Hinton to sign up to volunteer at 708-579-0999. For any questions call or text Karen at 708 -710-0644 or email us at CCW@stcletusparish.com. Proceeds for the CCW and our scholarship fund.

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN



For widowed men and women - Still looking for ways to move forward to a more joyful time in your life? Join us for a Retreat/workshop March 30 & 31, 2019 Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines. All are welcome. To register, call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



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

Lenten Labyrinth Prayer - Friday, April 5, 9:30 AM – 4 PM
Facilitator: Janet Bolger, CSJ. Walking a labyrinth is a moving meditation. Drop in and spend an hour or so stretching your limbs and your spirit, walking an indoor labyrinth canvas laid out in Cavanaugh Chapel. Janet Bolger, CSJ who has loved and prayed the labyrinth for decades, will be available to introduce you to labyrinth prayer. Cost: free will offering.

Conversations that Matter: Creating a New Republic of the Heart - Saturday, April 6, 9 AM – 3 PM. Facilitator: Terry Patten. In this daylong experiential workshop, we will explore the big questions confronting all of us. Weaving strands from neuroscience, ecology, integral theory, and spiritual wisdom, we will develop an integrated understanding of our collective challenges—then engage in experiential practices that help us understand tangibly how to unite spiritual practice, deeper human relating, and effective social activism. Cost (includes lunch): \$75

HITZEMAN GRIEF SUPPORT

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings. For more information please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield

Time: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by April 5 to info@hitzemanfuneral.com or 708-485-2000. We appreciate your continued trust in Hitzeman Funeral Home and we hope that you will be able to join us. Refreshments will follow. Next forum, Tuesday, May 14th - Creative Ways to Manage Grief

ST. BARBARA FLEA MARKET

Spring is here and time for cleaning out the cabinets, garages and any storage spaces has arrived as well. Consider making some cash on your items that you aren't in need of at the St. Barbara Flea Market on Saturday April 6, 2019 in the St. Barbara Parish Center 4015 Prairie, Brookfield. Call Alicia at 708.485.2502 to book your table or for more info.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME JAZZ BANDS TO PERFORM WITH LTHS JAZZ ENSEMBLE



University of Notre Dame's Jazz Band and New Orleans Brass Band will perform for one night only at 7:30pm Friday, April 5, at the Lyons Township High School North Campus Reber Center, 100 S. Brainard Ave., La Grange. The LT Jazz Ensemble will perform an opening set. The concert is free and the public is invited.

NAZARETH ACADEMY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRAYER SERVICE

The date for Nazareth Academy's community Stations of the Cross Prayer Service will be Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Congregation of St. Joseph Chapel. All are welcome to join us for an inspirational evening of prayer, reflection and music in preparation for the holiest days of the year, the Triduum. This loving reenactment of Christ's final steps allows our Nazareth Family to share personal reflections of our connection to the Paschal Mystery. As we recall Christ's passion, we encourage the young men and women of Nazareth to share their voices and their stories.

If you have any questions, please contact Nazareth's Campus Minister, Janet Rausch at jrausch@nazarethacademy.com.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



SEMINAR AND A SNACK SERIES: Treasure, Trade, or Trash - Learn how to take back control of your home through

helpful insight on how you can sort through many years of accumulation to eliminate clutter for good!

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 1:00 am - 11:15 am

Location: Aging care Connections, 111 W. Harris, La Grange

Cost: Free but RSVP required

Contact Jasmine Horton at 708-603-2337 to register

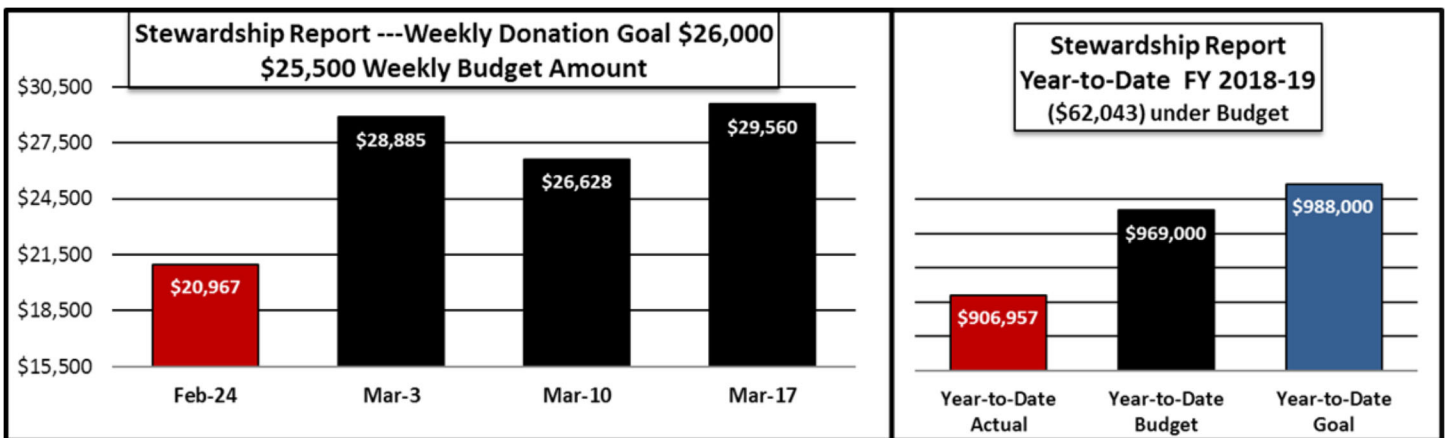
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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. Please note, there are early deadlines for the Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 24	2:30pm	Church	Girl Scouts Religious Medal Ceremony
Monday, March 25	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room PC Gym	Junior Choir Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 26	8:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Church Rectory Basement Rectory Church	Adoration Begins Holy Hour with Benediction PPC Meeting RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 27	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, March 28	2:30pm 5:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room School Music Room	School Stations of the Cross Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 29	7:00pm	Church	Taizé Prayer Service
Saturday, March 30			
Sunday, March 31	12:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Reception for Sr. Noreen George, OP

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

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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