

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1



JANUARY 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

~Matthew 2:1-2



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 7 - 13, 2019

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Renee Saban, John E. Cooper, Special Intention - Dr. James Schuler
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Joseph Viececi, Anthony Perkovich, Special Intention - Dr. James Schuler
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, JJ Farrell, Frank Wojcik, John E. Cooper
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Barb McDonnell, John E. Cooper, Nicola Lemma
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Helen Lesh, Patrick O'Connell, Monica Mataitis
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners Pat Maley, Gene Wallace
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Barbara McDonnell, Mark Kennedy Stacy Baker Patricia Donovan Fred Fahey, Taylor Johnson St. Cletus Parishioners

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, January 5-6, 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.

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

YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2018 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form on page 13 and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email 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.

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 that there are early submission deadlines due to the holidays. We will return to our regular submission schedule with the January 13th Canticle.

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

John Joseph Raftery

Betty Harvey

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

December - Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Gene Gajos, Jim McLamore, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, Rachael Schopp, Dr. James Schuler, Dr. Max Scheyerer, John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski

November - Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley

October - Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda, Laura Biesadecki, Frank Colonna, 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.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

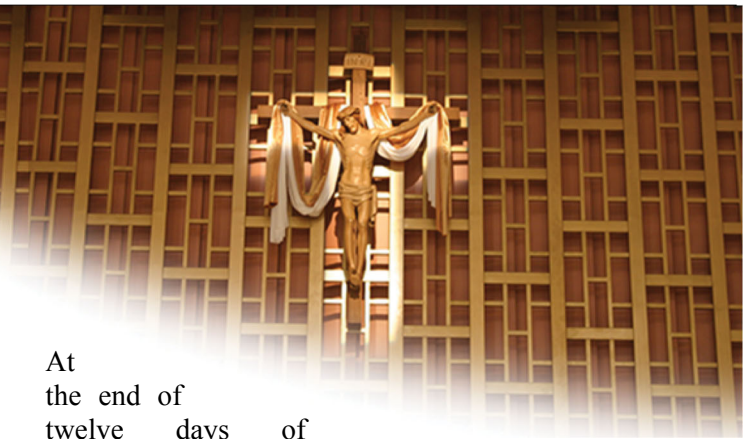
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Children singing “twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are” are a reminder of the innocence of childhood and the way in which a child captures the wonder and of the world in which we live. For children, the stars have a magical, mysterious character. For an adult, a starlit night in a dark sky can still evoke a sense of wonder. The thought of radio-telescopes penetrating the furthestmost points of the galaxy looking for dust and the presence of black holes sweeping up matter in the universe deepen the idea of the mystery in which we live. No wonder for ancient people the star pointed towards God’s activity in creation. For the wise men, the sight of the mysterious new star led them to go on pilgrimage to the Christ Child.

The second reading captures the heart of the message of Epiphany. The message of Christ is for all people; the death and resurrection of Christ saves all women and men and offers them the hope of eternal life. All are part of one body whose head is Christ. A light has shone in the darkness; through Christ there is a new meaning to human life and a new promise from God to his people.

The wise men that come bearing gifts help us to understand the person of Christ and the meaning of his birth. The star unites the work of God in the heavens and on earth. Three gifts point to the meaning of the person of the Christ Child. Gold is the gift which is a sign of Kingship. Christ reigns over all people as Christ the king. His kingship can be likened to a Shepherd king who cares and tends for his flock, who seeks out the lost sheep and wants to restore it to the fold. Frankincense is the gift which indicates that Jesus is the Son of God. The promise of God is fulfilled; God becomes flesh, lives among people, heals the sick and forgives sin. Myrrh is the gift which points to the fact that the Christ Child will die and be buried. He will be anointed with myrrh at burial. The feast of the Epiphany looks forward to the great celebration of Easter morning when the women come to the tomb and discover that Jesus has risen from the dead. God is triumphant over death.

The wise men worshipped and then returned home by a different route. The poet, T.S. Eliot, writes of the wise men looking back many years later and reflecting on this event. Their life had been changed. While they returned home, they were no longer at home there. The old life had lost its flavor and it seemed stale. The things that had been important now seemed unimportant. Life had been changed. They began to see life in a new way.

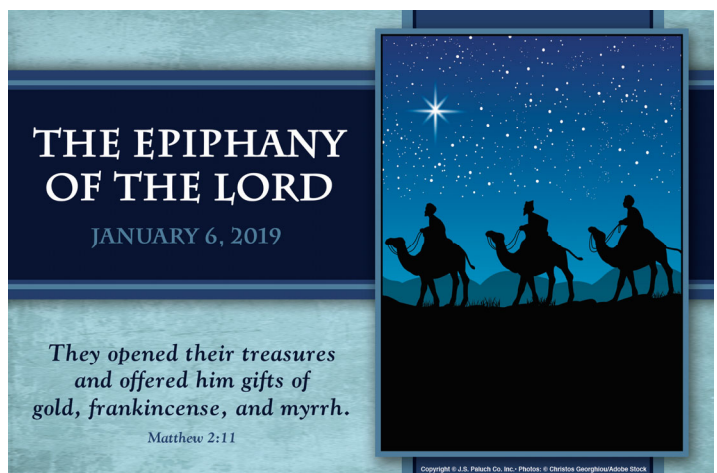


At the end of twelve days of Christmas celebration, we go back to our regular routine of daily life. Putting away the Christmas tree, the decorations and the tinsel is a sign of moving into the New Year. What has changed? At one level, very little. At another level, we have celebrated that the Epiphany speaks of the Good News of the birth of Christ for all people. Many images describe the Christian as a pilgrim, an alien in the world, living in the world but not of the world. The Christian will never be fully at home in the world. For Christians, as people on pilgrimage, the journey continues because there is no lasting city on earth. At the end of the pilgrimage is the joy of eternal life with God. Being a pilgrim is a reminder that the meaning of life has been turned upside-down by the birth of Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany reminds the family of the Church of its true priority; to see Christ’s face in one’s neighbor and to praise God.

Blessings of the Epiphany,

Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor



Parish School



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ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

January 7 School Resumes
 January 27 Catholic Schools Week Open House
 March 30 Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL AUCTION

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Spring Auction, to take place on Saturday, March 30 at Capri Banquets on Joliet Road. We are currently looking for donations for our auction. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Cletus School and we hope to see you on March 30th!



SIXTH GRADE FIELD TRIP

Last week our sixth graders visited the Museum of Science and Industry. The educational purpose of this trip aligns with our school's STREAM initiative. Students observed the Christmas Around the World display and learned about various religious and ethnic customs from around the world. In addition to that, students enjoyed the Science of Pixar exhibit. They participated in a number of interactive activities and learned how STEM is applied in the creative process of our favorite animated films.

All are invited to join us
 Sunday, January 27th for our
 Catholic Schools Week

Open House

Join us to talk with teachers and administrators, and discover why St. Cletus School is the right choice for your family!



FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE LAB

5th graders in the science lab recently created Rube Goldberg machines, which are contraptions, inventions, devices or apparatuses that are deliberately over-engineered to perform a simple task in a complicated fashion. This was a fun way for students to learn engineering and teamwork skills.



St. Cletus School

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St. Cletus School is a national Blue Ribbon school, recognized by the U. S. Department of Education in 2014. St. Cletus School is also a Red Ribbon school, recognized by the Nationwide Red Ribbon Certified Schools Program in 2018 for our efforts to keep our students safe, healthy, and drug-free. Its elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, the State of Illinois Learning Standards, and benchmarks established by the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to our 1st-8th grade program with an average classroom size of 21 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old half and full-day preschool, as well as half and full-day kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Student Council, scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- ◆ Applications are now being accepted for new students for the 2019-20 school year.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Open House is Sunday, January 27, 2019. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the education building next door to Church from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us to tour the school and meet our faculty, staff, and school families!

Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Chinske
Principal

Christy Schaefer
Assistant Principal



FAITH FAMILY *FUTURE*



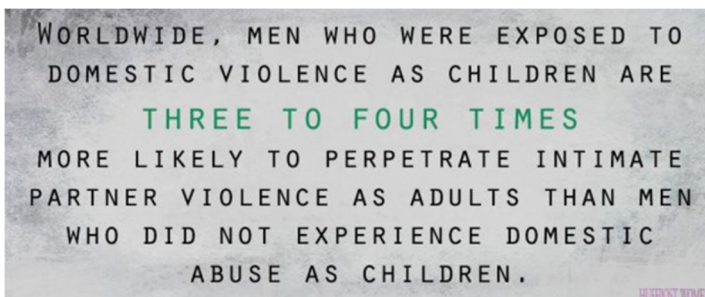
Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY



Volunteer slots are now available for January-March at Food Pantry Distribution nights. Volunteers are needed from 5:30-8:30pm in the Rectory Basement to help clients shop, distribute items, and assist in carrying items to vehicles. These opportunities are generally geared towards middle school-adult. To view openings and sign up visit: <https://bit.ly/2s5Hdbj>

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 at 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 box below.

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

As part of the Archdiocesan Renew My Church initiative, St. Francis Xavier Peace and Justice Ministry is reaching out to members of St. Cletus to extend an invitation to join this important work. The Peace and Justice Ministry carries out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; to work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation; to involve the parish and the broader community in this mission; and to create awareness through education, dialogue and action.

If you're interested in learning more or joining the Peace and Justice committee please join us for the **next meeting on Wednesday, January 9th from 7:15-8:30pm in the SFX Rectory.**

MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO



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FROM DAY ONE
March For Life Chicago
January 13, 2019
2:00 - 4:00pm
Location: Federal Plaza

PRE-MARCH GATHERINGS

Chicago's Rose Dinner

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Petterino's (150 N Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60601)

Doors open at 5:30PM. \$75 per person. Tickets and info at speakoutillinois.org.

Youth Rally

Sunday, January 13 Doors open at 8 a.m. \$10 per ticket.

The Frances Xavier Warde Catholic School

751 North State St. Chicago, IL 60654

Expect fun-filled rally activities, energetic music, and inspiring talk led by Steve Angrisano. He is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's easy, honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ.

The Youth Rally will end with Mass for Life celebrated next door at Holy Name Cathedral.

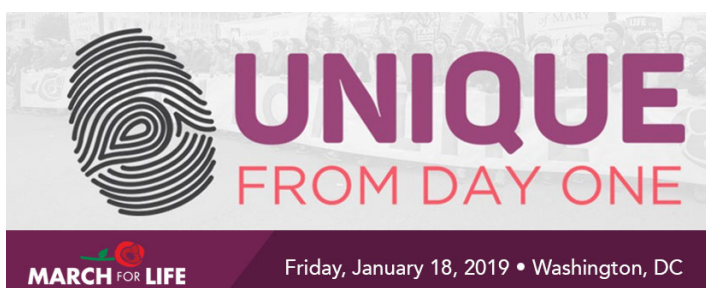
Mass for Life

Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11 a.m.
Holy Name Cathedral
730 North Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60611

Join Cardinal Blase J. Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life. The Mass for Life will be a sending forth to join the official March for Life Chicago held at the Federal Plaza in Chicago, IL.

More info at <http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/>

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Pilgrimage Send Off at St. Cletus

6 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center
Join us in welcoming and sending off those participating in the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to join the National March for Life!

Washington, DC – The World’s Largest Pro-life Event
Friday, January 18, 2019 at the National Mall. For details on related events, see <http://marchforlife.org>.

WORD OF LIFE



“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!”

“Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their ‘Ad Limina’ Visit, February 3, 2001” © 2001, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

BEDS PLUS



7th Annual Soup & Bread Event

Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 3–7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets | 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside. Live music • Craft beers • Local Food. Tickets are available online. For more info call 708-354-0858 x105. www.beds-plus.org.

Become a Volunteer

What does four hours a month mean to you? To a person in need, it can mean the world. BEDS is in need of volunteers. Your contribution can make a difference in the lives of homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Sign up on line www.beds-plus.org or contact volunteer@beds-plus.org, 708-354-0858 ext. 113

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK JAN 6-13



National Migration Week Mass

All are welcome to join in celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6 at 5:15 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral. Representatives from nations across the world will join together to kickoff National Migration Week as we build a community of welcome.

Prayer for National Migration Week

God of All Families, Cultures, and Nations you invite all of us to work together by accepting one another, appreciating one another, and valuing the gifts that each immigrant or refugee bring to us. teach us to hold one another in love and respect. Help us to welcome and appreciate each other in our parish communities. We pray this in Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Prayer by Sr. Rose Therese Nolta, SSpS



Other Ministry Notes

CARDINAL PURSUIT TRIVIA NIGHT



Join us for our Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night on Friday, January 18th in Morrissey Hall. Doors open at 7:00. Event starts at 7:30.

Participants are encouraged to form adult teams of 8-10 players to compete against other members of the St. Cletus community. The cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door. Teams provide their own food and beverages. All are welcome!

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on February 12th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. All are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST



Save the date for the 2019 Fall Fest September 5-8, 2019. We are pleased to formally announce our 2019 headliners. Combined they have nearly 40,000 Facebook followers! In September, we will welcome to the St.

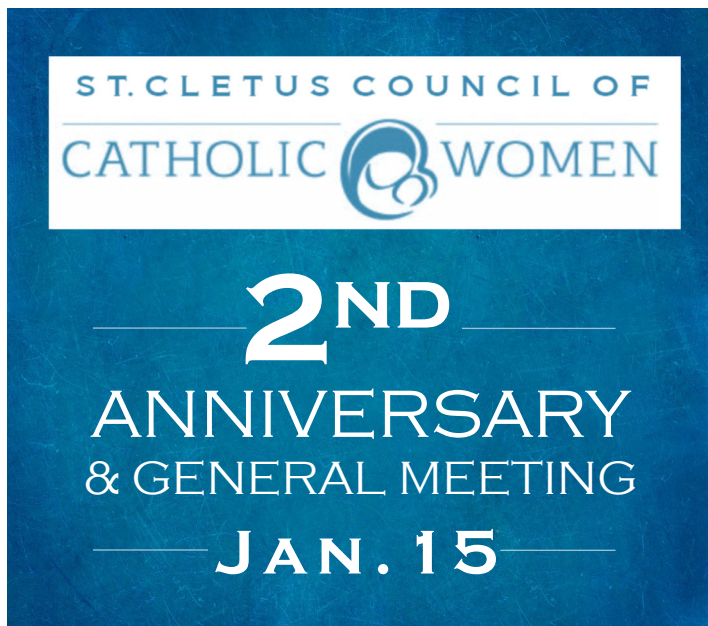
Cletus Fall Fest stage... ARRA, Mike and Joe, and Maggie Speaks!

QUEEN OF HEARTS WAS FOUND



On December 17th the Queen was found. The winner has been notified. St. Cletus School will take a break from the game and start back up again at Kenny’s after the holidays. Thank you everyone for supporting our school!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Date: January 15th meeting to celebrate the 2nd birthday of the Council of Catholic Women!

Time: 7:00 pm hospitality
7:30 meeting full of fun & surprises

Place: Gallagher room in the Parish Center

All women are welcome!

Come join us and become a member if you aren't already... a great New Year's resolution!

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.

SIGN ME UP! STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH E-NEWS

Get all the latest updates! Sign up to receive emails from St. Cletus Parish using the quick form on the bottom of the home page of our website, www.stcletusparish.com or email addme@stcletusparish.com. You can also turn in your name and email to the parish office during regular business hours (Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 8am-12:30pm.)

JOIN THE ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY



The St. Cletus Music Ministry is blessed to offer so many opportunities to those who enjoy using their God-given musical talents! We invite you to join one of our choirs; no previous experience or music-reading skill required – only a desire to sing praise to the Lord!

Our **Chancel Choir** sings regularly at the 9:30 a.m. mass; rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. each Thursday. This group focuses more on traditional hymns and classic choral pieces.

Our **Contemporary Choir** sings approximately two times per month at the Saturday, 5 p.m. mass; rehearsals are held immediately prior to the mass at 4 p.m. with occasional additional rehearsals as needed. This group, with singers, drums and flute, focuses on a more contemporary sound.

Our **Teen Choir** sings approximately twice per month at the Saturday, 5 p.m. mass with an occasional appearance at the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday morning. Rehearsals are at 4 p.m. on Saturday; a schedule with additional rehearsal times will be published shortly. High school students will enjoy singing more contemporary music; additional instrumentalists would also be welcomed.

Our **Youth Choirs** are open to all boys and girls, grades 3rd through 8th, attending either a public school or St. Cletus School. These choirs generally sing at the Sunday, 11 a.m. mass approximately 1-2 times per month and also participate with the other adult choirs in several special masses throughout the year.

Junior Choir is open to students in grades 5-8. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 4-5 p.m.

Children's Choir is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.

Our Good Shepherd Choir is part of the St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry. This choir provides music for funerals and memorial services. Volunteers do NOT have to be available every day of the week.

If you are interested in attending a rehearsal, joining a particular choir, or just want to know more about our music ministry, please contact: Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministry: kziemba@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5423. Please, come sing with us!



MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL



Come and join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Blessings, Fr. Lorenzo

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual fundraiser for the Fine Arts Series on Friday, February 8th in the St. Cletus Parish Center. This year Andrew and Tony are back with dueling pianos. RSVP at www.edwardfas.com. You don't want to miss this!

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

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

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

How old do I have to be to volunteer?

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

What should I wear?

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

Where is the GCFD located?

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

St. Cletus School Tours Available



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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If you are interested in high quality Catholic education for your child, please contact the school office at (708) 352-4820.

Space is limited, so call today!

- ❖ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ❖ Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- ❖ Half-day and Full-day Kindergarten
- ❖ Before and After School Extended Care
- ❖ Environment of Academic Excellence
- ❖ Strong Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center
- ❖ Athletic Opportunity and Extra-Curricular Activities
- ❖ Caring Community
- ❖ Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



DUELING PIANOS IN THE PARISH CENTER

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

RSVP ON ONLINE:
www.edwardfas.com

FEATURING:
TONY KIDONAKIS
ALEX BLENDERMANN

TICKETS:
\$40 IN ADVANCE
\$45 AT THE DOOR





JANUARY 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.

—Woodrow Wilson

THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.

—John Henry Newman

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. Call: 708-354-7211, E-mail joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Hitzeman Funeral Home welcomes 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. Please join us for a lively discussion on grief strategies for the new year. For more info please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Place: Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st Street
Brookfield, IL 60513

Time: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by January 4, 2019 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 will be Tuesday, February 12th, Grief 101: Is This Normal?

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Dip into The Well this winter and bring balance to your body, wholeness to your spirit, and light to the world....

**Pilates Class at Hinsdale Energie Studio for the benefit of The Well, 18 W. First St. Hinsdale, IL
Thursday, January 10, 11am - Noon**

Would you like to increase your sense of balance, energy and strength? This introductory class to Pilates and Barre has been created with the "mature" participant in mind. Please register early (class size is limited) using this link: csjthewell.org/pilates

-at-hinsdale-energie-studio/ Cost: Donation \$20, 60% of proceeds go to The Well

Prayer for the World

Friday, January 11, 7-8pm (also Friday Feb. 8, Mar. 15, and April 12)

Facilitator: Kathy Sherman, CSJ

How powerful our prayer for the world we love becomes, when we gather together. Once a month, we will strengthen our bonds with one another and the community of our hurting earth, as we grow and deepen the incarnation of Love. Cost: free will offering

Practicing Peace Contemplative Prayer

Mondays 11am – Noon, Jan. 14 & 28; Feb. 11 & 25; Mar. 11 & 25; Apr. 8 & 22; May 13

Facilitator: Diane Pfahler, SND

More than ever in our suffering world, we need to find ways to cultivate peace, kindness, and reverence for life. This prayer form (which includes music, peaceful relaxation and Centering Prayer) helps deepen one's relationship with God through restful silence. Cost: \$90 or \$10 per session

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL To register online and see complete list of our new 2019 Programs: www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048

ST. BARBARAS PARISH

St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield is hosting its 2nd Annual Multicultural Taste of St. Barbara on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 6pm to 9pm in the Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield. Samples of foods from around the world made by St. Barbara parishioners will be available to all who attend. This is a family-friendly event so admission is FREE and food and drink tickets will be available at the door. There will be raffle of beautiful baskets and a "wooden spoon" raffle during the evening and attendees will have a chance to vote on their favorite food and booth. Come and sample foods from Colombia, Philippines, Spain, Italy, Ireland and more at this memorable event and help support the ministries of St. Barbara Parish.

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

R.W.S. Landscaping & Lawncare
708-489-6333



Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!

Those at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 6	7:00am	Narthex	Welcome Committee
Monday, January 7	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Rm PC Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 8	7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Social Concerns Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 9	9:00am 7:00pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Mtg Room PC Gym	Mission Ladies Baptism Preparation Class Boys Church League Practice
Thursday, January 10	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, January 11			
Saturday, January 12	9:00am 5:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room PC Gym	Pre-Cana Boys Church League Games
Sunday, January 13	11:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Rosary Group

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

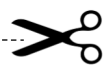
Due to early printing deadlines, the December 30th Giving Report will appear in the January 13th Canticle.

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.



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2018 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email 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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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

MASSES

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

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.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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