

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.  
—Luke 2:30-31



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- JAN. 9: St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Meeting
- JAN. 28: St. Cletus School Open House
- FEB. 9: Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus - *Cabaret*
- MAR. 3: St. Cletus Spring Auction - *Night at the Races*



## Mass Intentions for the Week of December 31 - January 7, 2017

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Tony Adolf, Mary Margaret Levandowski
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Matthews Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac, Joseph & Kay Klemak John Zumpano, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac, Ernest Lesh, Mary Trtol, Stella & Felix Gembala, Dennis Gabriel, Babara Kopjo, Shirley Sharkey, Ken Kakareka
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac, Stacy Baker, Michael Boardman, John Zumpano Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Renee Saban St. Cletus Parishioners Justice Lawrence Pusateri, Rose Haddad, Jason Osmolak Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**Katarina Dufner**

May she rest in peace. Amen.

### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

*Happy New Year!*

The St. Cletus Parish Offices will be closed for New Years on Monday, January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd.

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

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

**Thomas Albert Hinton**

Son of Christine Quilter  
& Scott Hinton

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.*

**December** - Kyle Marsden, Frank Colonna

**November** - Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Eileen R. Peters, Kay Petalick, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley

**October** - Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfig, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso, Connie Monzel, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowksi, Frank Colonna, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Catherine Troyner, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Gerda E. Dorzo, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Frank Niwa

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

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### “MARY MOTHER OF GOD” JANUARY 1, 2018

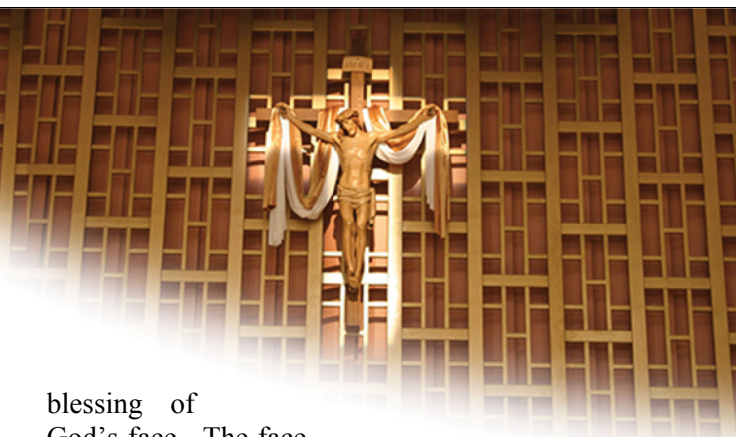
The chiming of the Angelus bell is a long and holy tradition in the life of the Church. At six in the morning, twelve noon and six in the evening, across the world church and monastery bells ring out the ancient chime, and people pause in the midst of their daily activities to murmur the ancient prayer: “The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...” Christian people stop to recall the greatest event in the history of time, that God became man in Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.

In the ancient, Christian land of Ireland, this tradition was taken up in the age of modern communications by radio, and then by television. For many years now, and still to this day, at midday and in the evening, the media pauses its programs to transmit the Angelus chimes across the fields of Ireland, and in many a home, people stop their busy lives and join in the silent prayer.

In very recent times, in this age of secularism, pluralism and the Celtic tiger economy, voices have been raised to suggest alteration or even abolition of this Christian practice. So far those voices have not been a majority, and the “prayer pause; has survived. Some good alterations have been introduced, however, in the television transmission. Where, at one time, the screen revealed an icon of the Mother and Child to view during the chimes, in recent times a series of overlapping images have been introduced, showing tranquil scenes of Irish life, of lake and land, farm and field, terrace and town: and the faces of Irish people, young and old, looking up from their work, looking inward and upward.

This holy moment is truly sacred and truly precious. It takes us to another level of life, to stillness and a wonder at it all. It is a moment not only for saying the prayer, but even for not saying the prayer. It is a moment to remember the faces of loved ones, alive or gone before us, near or far away. It is a time to call those faces before our mind and to pray for all those lovely people. It is a time, most of all, to place ourselves before the face of God, and to ask him to reveal his face to us, to let his face shine on us.

At the beginning of Israel’s story, in the Book of Numbers, such a wish and such a prayer is made into a blessing for the people. As the people in the desert are formed into a nation under God, and prepare to enter the Promised Land, the priests are instructed on how to call the blessing of God down upon the people. It is the



blessing of God’s face. The face is our entry point to the world, and also the world’s entry point into our inner being. All healthy meetings are meetings face to face. All healthy attitudes involve a mutual seeing, not a staring at others nor a sneaking glimpse. All honest encounters are an encounter of faces. The spirit of the person, the soul, is communicated through the open face. It is through the face that we communicate warmth and affection to others, or withhold them as the case may be. The human smile is the warmest expression of our genuine delight in others, and its warmth and brightness can be felt by the recipient. That is why we plead with God to smile upon us. It is the greatest blessing on earth.

In Jesus, born of Mary, God’s ancient promise and blessing is fulfilled. God has revealed his face to us in Mary’s child, born at the appointed time. Mary pondered these great mysteries in her heart. What great things the Lord had done in her life, and what privileges she had been given, to be called ‘Mother of God’. All generations now have called her blessed, and so we on this day, at the opening of the year.

Mary is Mother of God. And we are children of God. We should never forget it. Not ever. Let the Angelus bell continue to chime and to ring out the joyous news. Happy New year, everyone! Yes, and more. The blessing of God be upon you – the blessing that comes to us in his son, born of Mary, and whose name is Jesus.

*Blessings All Year Long,*

*Fr. Bob*

*Fr. Bob, Pastor*

# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Break .....December 23-January 7  
 Catholic Schools Week Open House..... January 28  
 Spring Auction ..... March 3

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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### Leadership through Service

St. Cletus School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Participants visited with the residents at Bethlehem Woods Retirement community in December. Carols were sung, cards were given, and good conversation was had to share the spirit of Christmas.



Mark your calendars and  
 Join us Sunday, January 28th  
 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!



### Kindergarten Advent Mass

The St. Cletus Kindergartners, with their 8th Grade Buddies, prepared a special Advent Mass for their families and school community last week. It was a beautiful mass and they did a wonderful job.

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* *Psalm 105*.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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## TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
 Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day  
 Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
 Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
 Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 Friday: St. John Neumann; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. André Bessette; First Saturday



SIMEON SAID,

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."

~ Luke 2:29-30

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

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

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



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

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Social Concerns Ministry we wish all of you a Blessed and Peace-filled New Year! 2017 gave us many opportunities to give hope to many of the people who are struggling in our midst by providing food, shelter, transportation, and other basic necessities for their families. The generosity of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, abounds, which we witnessed, especially during this Holiday Season.

2017 By the numbers:

- 1500 individuals got Giving Tree Christmas presents
- Over 2,200 households were served through the food pantry (almost 9,000 individuals)
- Thousands of rides given through ICP
- Over 25 Career Network speakers/workshops
- Hundreds of volunteers
- 987 handmade Mission Ladies items
- 50+ families received financial assistance through St. Vincent DePaul or Social Concerns with heat, rent, electric, fuel, etc.
- Dozens of families assisted through Domestic Violence Outreach and the Respect Life Ministry

Volunteers from all areas of this ministry – Social Concerns Commission, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Interfaith Community Partners, Food Pantry, Interfaith Career Network, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Lenten Almsgiving, Advent Giving Tree, Domestic Violence Outreach, and other special efforts-join you in our goal of responding to human needs with justice and love, in Christ's name.

In the New Year, we ask you to pray along with us:

*Lord God, grant us a vision of your world as your love would have it:*

*a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;*

*a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;*

*a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;*

*a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.*

*Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

### FOOD PANTRY THANKS

We received many collections and donations in the past few weeks.

Thanks to the St. Cletus Holy Name Society, Knights of Columbus, First United Methodist Church of Western Springs, and Lyons Township. We'd also like to thank The Western Springs Churches for sending their Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service collection to our food pantry, and to Case Lots Inc. for the donation of bags for the Giving Tree!

So much generosity around us. Thank you!

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**



Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action from January 18 – 26. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing.”



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End,”  
[www.goo.gl/fvSEYp](http://www.goo.gl/fvSEYp)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

*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.**

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

**CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
—ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO—  
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

**OFFICE OF HUMAN DIGNITY & SOLIDARITY IMMIGRATION MINISTRY**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**National Migration Week: "Many Journeys, One Family" January 7–14, 2018**



*“I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone... I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families.” -Pope Francis*

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the US has celebrated National Migration Week to reflect on the circumstances confronting immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

Today, more than 65 million people are forcibly displaced around the world, and more than 22 million are refugees. The US is the cornerstone of the international humanitarian system. We must maintain our leadership and protect life-saving U.S. humanitarian assistance.

**ACTION:** Respond to the call and urge your legislators to protect poverty-reducing international assistance and include passage of the Dream Act (H.R. 3440/S. 1615). USCCB website: [www.JusticeforImmigrants.org](http://www.JusticeforImmigrants.org).

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you to everyone who supported our St. Cletus SVDP group in 2017. Your donations have allowed us to help the needy in our community with emergency assistance for necessities, including utilities, rent, food, medical prescriptions, eye care, gasoline cards, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity.



## St. Cletus School Spring Auction



### St. Cletus Supporters:

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

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

The more donations we receive, the more we can sell at auction and the larger the benefit to the school. Help us make this event spectacular with an outstanding range of items!

There are so many ways for your family to contribute:

- Ask your employer to make a product or cash contribution, or to purchase an ad for our catalog.
- Ask friends and family members who own businesses for a donation. Nothing is too small, as items will often be packaged together with other items.
- For those local businesses you support, ask for a donation of support in return, such as gourmet grocery certificates, restaurant gift certificates, sporting goods, specialty clothing, jewelry, spas, toy stores – the list is unlimited.
- Do you or someone you know have a second home you could donate for a week or a long weekend? These are some of our best donations.
- Do you have a special talent you could share, e.g., knitting, fused glass making, painting, tiling, woodworking, or jewelry craft? Your time and talent donation would be so appreciated.
- Are you a gourmet cook? Want to donate a fabulous dinner by teaming up with friends to help host a great evening? Dinners and parties are some of our best selling items.

We want to thank you, in advance, for your participation and support of this event. We look forward to working together to create not only a fun and memorable event for all that attend, but the most successful auction yet! We hope to see you “At the Races” on Saturday, March 3rd in the new St. Cletus Parish Center!

Silent auction questions can be directed to:

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 (m) 312.305.1342

Lupe McKeehan  
 gmckeehan76@gmail.com  
 (m) 312.823.9152

Please note: Donations can be given to St. Cletus School. Donation Deadline for Silent Auction items is 1/31/18. Donation forms can be found on the next page and on our website <http://auction.stcletusschool.com/>





# A NIGHT AT THE RACES ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

March 3, 2018  
St. Cletus Parish Center

**ST. CLETUS  
SPRING AUCTION  
2018**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver donation to St. Cletus School  
\_\_\_\_\_ Please pick up my donation. It will be ready by: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DONOR AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR THANK YOU PURPOSES:

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

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

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

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

DONOR RELATIONSHIP TO ST. CLETUS SCHOOL: (Please circle all that apply)

Friend of St. Cletus      Current Parent      Alumni      Parishioner      Parent of Alumni

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

## Other Ministry News

### PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The St. Cletus Parish Offices will be closed for New Years on the following dates:

- Monday, January 1st
- Tuesday, January 2nd

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

### SCCW - ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



### SAVE THE DATE & COME TO THE PARTY



CCW will be celebrating its first anniversary at our regular January meeting!

Date: January 9, 2018

Place: Gallagher room in the Parish Center

Time: 7:00pm

Don't miss the party with food, fun & games, fellowship & a toast to our dynamic group of parish women!

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

### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Donate Online**

*Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?*

It is **SO EASY!** Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards.

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

### BOOK DISCUSSION

February 13 – *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly

April 10 – *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

### YOUTH MINISTRY - FRESHMAN/ SOPHOMORE FRETUS IDENTITY RETREAT JANUARY 12-14

Calling all Freshman and Sophomore students in the Parish! Please join us on January 12-14, 2018 for the annual Fretus Identity Retreat! This awesome retreat will give you the opportunity to look at and reflect on the many choices, transitions and relationships you are experiencing at this time in your life. There will be plenty of free time to enjoy outdoor activities too! Please grab a friend and plan on joining us for this fun-filled weekend! Please see the parish website for additional information and for the registration form. Hurry! Spaces are filling up

### YOUTH MINISTRY - JUNIOR/SENIOR KAIROS RETREAT

Registration for the March Kairos Retreat for Juniors and Seniors will open soon. Watch for more details in January!

Email [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) with questions.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The next meeting of the St. Cletus Holy Name Society will be Friday, January 5th in the Parish Center.

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Mark your calendars for an event that is always a highlight of the winter, Cabaret, on Friday, February 9th.

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Cabaret will be held in the St. Cletus Parish Center. Tony Kidonakis is back on piano with Shana Petrone on vocals and Jeff Snyder returns on the sax! \$40 with RSVP, \$45 at the door. RSVP online at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com). Admission includes beer, wine, snacks. We hope to see you there!

PIANO BAR IN THE PARISH CENTER

**FRIDAY, FEB. 9**  
**8:00 PM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

FEATURING:  
TONY KIDONAKIS  
JEFF SNYDER  
SHANA PETRONE

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

RSVP ON ONLINE:  
[www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

## JOIN THE ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY



The **St. Cletus Music Ministry** is so 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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 through 8. Rehearsals are held on Monday, from 4-5 p.m.

**Children's Choir** is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held on Thursday, 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](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com) or call 708.215.5423 or 708.710.0644. Please, come sing with us!



## BEDS 6TH ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD EVENT



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

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

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

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

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO EVENTS

### March for Life Mass and Rally January 14, 2018

Marching in peace through the streets of Chicago during an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting all human life. Our goal is to serve as a visual and vocal reminder that the people of Chicago and the Midwest stand for LIFE.

**Youth Rally** - The Youth Rally will start from The Frances Xavier Warde Catholic School on 751 North State Street Chicago, IL 60654. Doors open at 8 a.m. door and the rally will end at Holy Name Cathedral around 11 a.m., when Mass will be celebrated. Cost: \$10 per ticket.

**Mass** - Cardinal Cupich will preside. Mass starts at 11 a.m. at Holy Name Chicago. Please visit [www.marchforlife-chicago.org/marchinfo/](http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/marchinfo/) for more info.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25, 2018

Early in each new year, the Church enters into the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.” This year’s observance, January 18-25, is especially meaningful on account of the October 31 reaffirmation of the covenant between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Archdiocese of Chicago. It included a commitment to work together to diminish the violence that afflicts our communities. In this effort, praying together is essential. Resources for Catholic parishes and Christian congregations to pray for unity together can be found at [www.geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity](http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity). To learn more about prayer services for unity taking place in and around Chicago during this week, visit [www.archchicago.org/eia](http://www.archchicago.org/eia).

## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN



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

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

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

Dates: **March 3 & 4, 2018**      **April 21 & 22, 2018**

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry. 708-354-7211 , [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, (Short video on website.)

IMPORTANT: register early, space limited.

### BELLARMI JESUIT RETREATS

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

Four Shepherds Retreat: "Who am I? Where am I going? How do I get there?" an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men. January 5-7, 2018 with Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House • 420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261 • [www.JesuitRetreat.org](http://www.JesuitRetreat.org).

### PASSION PLAY TRIP TO GERMANY

13 DAYS, 11 CITIES & 3 COUNTRIES Skyline Travel is proud to offer an exclusive travel experience culminating in an once-in-a-decade excursion to Oberammergau's Passion play in Germany! RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY! \$200 per person non-refundable deposit. Only 45 spots available. Estimated Air-Inclusive Package \$6,350.00 per person based on double occupancy. Call Skyline Travel at 630-963-2277 for details.

### ST. BARBARA'S IN BROOKFIELD

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

### LTHS TRIVIA NIGHT

February 3, 2018 - Hosted by LTHS Booster Club & PTC  
Support your local high school at our Trivia Night Fundraiser. Doors open at 6 pm, Questions at 7 pm  
Via Bella, 5412 S. LaGrange Rd. , Countryside.

Please register teams by January 21st  
Buy tickets online at: [ltboosters.com/shop-support/](http://ltboosters.com/shop-support/)

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

#### Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursday Evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

January 11, 18, 25

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

March 1, 8h

Register: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond) or call the Parish Office (708) 246-4404. Cost: \$10.00 fee (Participant Manual)

#### Marriage Enrichment

The 7 Principles Retreat is a positive, must-have experience for married couples based on 40+ years of groundbreaking relationship research.

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

#### Support Ministry for the Bereaved

Seasons of Hope meets for six consecutive weeks, three times per year. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

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

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

## Preferred Providers



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

# Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, December 31			
Monday, January 1	8:00am	Church	Feast of Mary, Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation) Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, January 2			Facilities Closed
Wednesday, January 3	9:00pm	PC Gym	Boys Church League Basketball
Thursday, January 4	9:00pm	PC Gym	Boys Church League Basketball
Friday, January 5	8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, January 6	5:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm	Father's Club Poker Night
Sunday, January 7			
Monday, January 8	4:00pm 6:00pm 8:30pm 9:00pm	School Music Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym Morrissey Hall	Junior Choir Youth Ministry Retreat Planning Mtg Men's Basketball Boy's Church League

# Stewardship Report

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to the early transmission of the Canticle, the weekly stewardship report for the weekend of Dec. 23-24 will appear in the Jan. 6-7 bulletin.

## ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



*Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?*

*It's easy!* Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards.

If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 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 2017 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bkallal@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically.


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

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

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

# St. Cletus Parish Information

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening before Holy Day ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Day.....6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office ..... (708) 215-5407

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

**Mission Statement:** St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.  
**Vision Statement:** We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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