

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

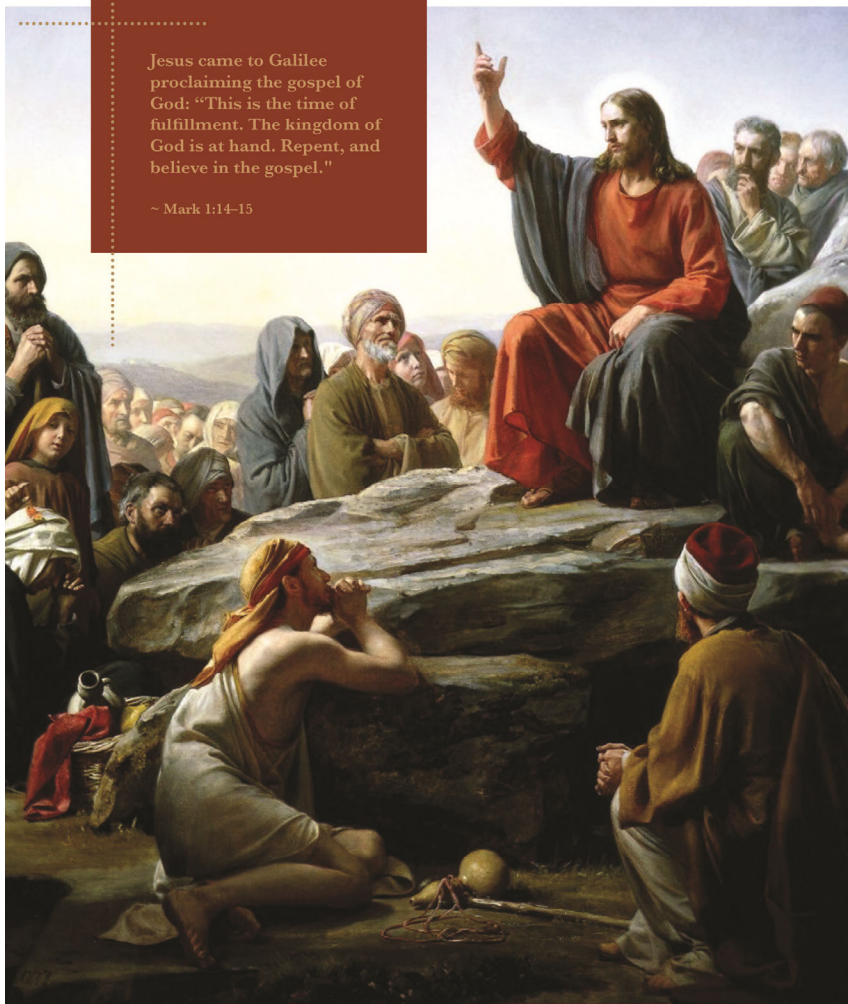
— Psalm 25:4



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of
God: "This is the time of
fulfillment. The kingdom of
God is at hand. Repent, and
believe in the gospel."

~ Mark 1:14-15



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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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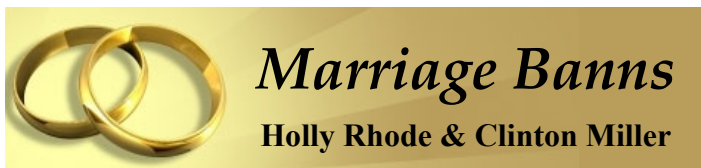
MARK YOUR CALENDARS



- FEB. 20 6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Spanish Holy Hour
- FEB. 23 7pm Stations of the Cross
- MAR. 3 St. Cletus School Auction

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 19 - February 25, 2018

| Day | Presider (subject to change) | Time | Intentions |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| Monday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Stacy Baker, Dianne Mahalak |
| Tuesday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Peter Kujawa, Monica Mataitis, Special Intention - Shurland Zapka |
| Wednesday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Virginia Rachford, Maryanne Farrell, Fred Sager |
| Thursday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Special Intention - Rita Engels |
| Friday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Debbie Weber |
| Saturday | Fr. Fisher Fr. Fisher | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Dolores Slowiak Rose Delaloye, Dennis Gabriel, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ken Kakareka, Georgia Popp |
| Sunday | Fr. Fisher Fr. Fisher Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa | 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. | Stacy Baker, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, George Duda Agnes & Albert Hinton, Vladyslaw Gunia, Dianne Mahalak, Debbie Sipek Ann Porretta, Mary Vesconte, Steve Paczolt Gene Kennedy St. Cletus Parishioners |



FACILITIES CLOSED MONDAY, FEB. 19

In observance of President's Day, St. Cletus Parish facilities will be closed after 8am Mass on Feb. 19th.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Little Black Books of Lenten reflections are available in the narthex.

Holy Hour - Tuesday, Feb. 20th 6:00-7:00pm

Stations of the Cross - Friday Feb. 23rd 7:00-8:00pm

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



This weekend there will be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign: Final Phase. Thank you for your continued generous support.

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

Ernestine Nedza

Edward Nedza

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.

February - Celine Hoskins, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill

January - Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik

December - Frank Colonna, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Kay Petalick, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Evelyn Ulfig, Jean Weekley, Joy Wettstein, Jenna Zimmerman

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

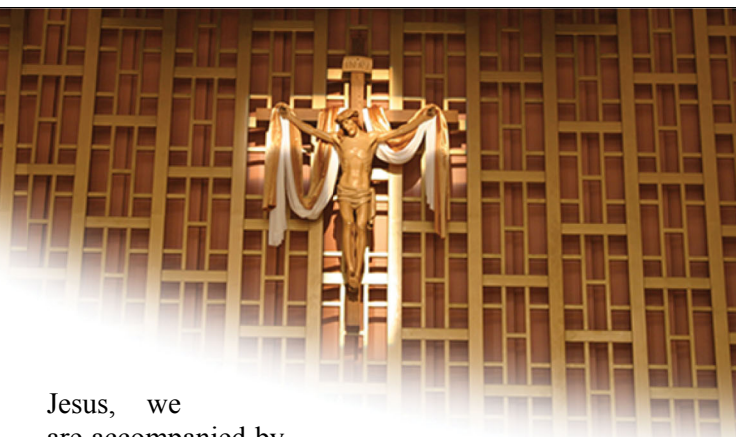
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The native tribes of South America make a point of marking different events in a person's life in dramatic fashion. In a time honored tradition their young men are initiated into the tribe in a private ceremony. They will eventually receive honorable status in their society but not before they have endured differing rituals designed to test their strength, and, perhaps humble them a little. There are many rites of passage for different occasions. Somehow these help them become loving and caring husbands and tribesmen. These societies have no doubt learned that the only way humanity moves forward is when we have the courage to face our weakness and our fears.

Like Matthew and Luke, Mark shows Jesus going through a time of testing. Each account, in a different way, tells us that he has to endure his strengthening, his initiation, before he could preach his message of salvation. The spirit that leads him to the wilderness is the same spirit that will tell him he is a beloved son. His preparation to do the will of the Father will not be complete until he spends those hungry days alone with his thoughts, finding out who he is.

To the people of the day, the wilderness of the desert was a lonely place, cut off from the support of one's family. How could one survive this experience, vulnerable and exposed to danger? In fact, Jesus is facing those demons that we all must face at some time in our lives, the terrible vulnerability of aloneness, and the inevitability of death. His days alone were a foretaste of the cross to come. Of course we know that this testing leads to freedom and through the cross, to redemption. Since we are baptized into Christ, we too can overcome the obstacles that may confront us. We can rest safe in the knowledge that Christ has overcome even death itself.

Perhaps like Noah, we cannot fully understand what real freedom looks like until we experience vulnerability. As the early Christian mystics say, we cannot understand the language of the cross, until we have faced darkness in our own lives. To be a builder of the kingdom means being a person of compassion and that is not learned without suffering. Life brings with it many forms of testing, for some it may be an embittering experience, leaving them cold and closed. For us as people of the promise, it can be a turning point, a cleansing experience that leads us to growth and openness. This freedom can only come about if we, like Jesus, remember that we are beloved by the Father who is with us at every stage of our journey. Like



Jesus, we are accompanied by a Father who is intimately involved in our joys and our moments of weakness.

In this time of Lent, the Church asks us to spend time looking within ourselves. During the coming weeks we are to confront our fears and temptations, so that we might be brought into a fuller relationship with Christ. The Gospel reminds us that the Father who strengthens his son in the desert is the same God who renews the promises to an unfaithful people and is bound with them forever. This is the good news that we all need to hear, and are all called to share.

What does this good news look like? Well we know it transforms people, it makes them turn around, repent, and start again. It gives hope; it drives away fear; it promotes true peace; it is concerned for others; it is concerned with building up what is good, and destroying what is evil. When we begin to see this work of God in our lives, when we respond anew, we will find life: life in all its fullness.

Prayerfully Yours,

Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob
Pastor

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Auction March 3
 Early Education Open House 6pm March 21
 Spring Break March 26-30

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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ST. CLETUS 2018 SPRING AUCTION

Join us for an evening of *fun, food and friendly wagers*, all to benefit St. Cletus School!

Hosted in our new Parish Center, we'll have music/entertainment, past sanctioned televised horse racing, silent and and live auction items, and dinner and drinks.



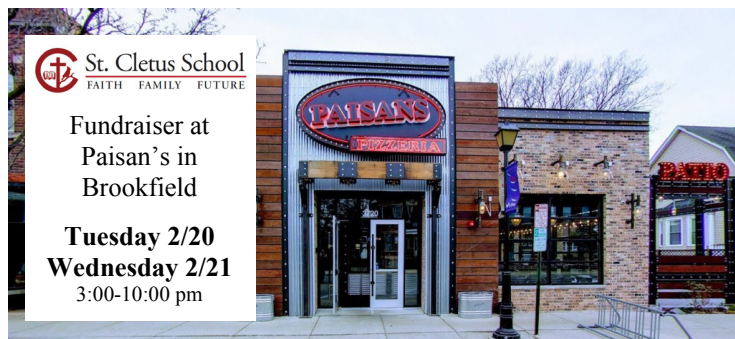
MARCH 3, 2018
6:00 - 11:00 PM

Tickets available online:
auction.stcletusschool.com



Ash Wednesday School Mass

St. Cletus School began Lent with a prayerful mass lead by our 1st and 4th grade students. Our students plan and participate in all-school Masses at least twice a month. Younger students are paired with older students to provide a role model on appropriate behavior at masses and in the classroom. As a Catholic school, our educational philosophy is centered in the belief that the most important relationship your child can have is with God.



D4D (Dining for Dollars)

Join us in our upcoming fundraiser at Paisan's Pizzeria located at 3720 Grand Boulevard, Brookfield, 60513. St. Cletus School will receive a 10% donation from all purchases on Tuesday, 2/20 and Wednesday, 2/21, from 3-10pm. Flyer is required and can be found on the Parent Page of our school website. We hope to see everyone there!

St. Cletus Lenten Journey Experiences

JOIN US DURING LENT

Daily Mass

8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15pm (except Mar. 31st)

Holy Hour

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Feb. 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00-8:00pm

Feb. 23, March 9, 16, 23

March 2nd Stations will follow 7pm Speaker.

Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday Mar. 22 - 7:00-8:00pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday Mar. 12 - 7:00pm

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday

Mar. 29 - 7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Good Friday

Mar. 30 - 3:00pm

The Easter Vigil

Mar. 31 - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

Apr. 1 - 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
12:30pm (Spanish)

HISPANIC MINISTRY EVENTS

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ash Wednesday | 7:00pm |
| Distribution of Ashes | Parish Center Gym |
| February 16, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Lenten Reflections | Parish Center |
| Saturday Feb. 17, 2018 | 9:00am |
| Lenten Mass (Spanish) | Church |
| Saturday Feb. 17, 2018 | 10:30am to 4:00pm |
| Lenten Retreat | Morrissey Hall |
| Tuesday Feb. 20, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Holy Hour | Church |
| Friday Feb. 23 | 7:00pm |
| Lenten Reflections | Parish Center |
| Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Holy Hour | Church |
| Friday March 2, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Lenten Reflections | Morrissey Hall. |
| Tuesday March 6, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Holy Hour | Church |
| Friday March 9, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Lenten Reflections | Parish Center |
| Tuesday Mar. 13, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Holy Hour. + Spanish Confessions | Church |
| Friday Mar. 16, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Lenten Reflections | Parish Center |
| Tuesday Mar. 20, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Holy Hour | Church |
| Friday Mar. 23, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Lenten Reflections | Parish Center |
| Tuesday Mar. 27, 2018 | 7:00pm |
| Holy Hour | Church |
| Friday Mar. 30, 2018 | 6:30pm |
| Way of the Cross | Pastoral Center Gym |

JOIN US FOR A SPEAKER ON MARCH 2ND

Join us Friday, March 2 at 7:00pm in the Church for a truly inspiring story of survival and success. Thomas Awiapo shares his story of growing up in a small village in Ghana. Thomas' story will be followed by Stations of the Cross. We hope you can join us!



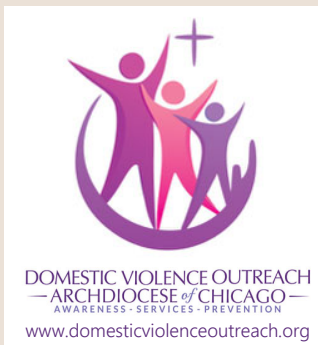
Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)
- Baby wipes
- Baby food
- Pasta sauce
- Tuna
- Cleaning products
- Dry pinto beans (2-3 lbs)
- Canned meals

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

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

Our local Lyons Club joined us at Food Pantry distribution this month to assist clients in getting vouchers for eye exams and glasses. These vouchers are valued at \$200 each and are such a helpful resource to many who do not have vision insurance. Thank you Lyons Club!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month Event - February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. St. Ailbe Domestic Violence Ministry is showing a riveting documentary “Audrie & Daisy” that examines teen sexual assault in the social media age. This is a must see for all teenagers, parents, and caregivers! All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Sunday, February 18 at 1:00pm at St. Ailbe Hall** (9047 S. Harper Chicago). Refreshments will be served.

Support Your Local DV Outreach - Please help support women in need. 100% of the proceeds from the sales of these wine glasses will be donated to the Joint Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus & St. John of the Cross. These gorgeous, stainless steel wineglasses (that say “Find Joy in the Journey”) can be purchased online at: sfxcwcluncheon2018.com. Please consider purchasing a single glass or set of six to support the local women’s shelters and the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach.



In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box to the left.

You are not alone.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Quarterly Resume Review

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Saturday, March 3, 9:30-11:30 am. Come in for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a great opportunity for you or someone you know in a job search. There is no charge for this service. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5000 South Wolf Road, Western Springs.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at www.interfaithcareednetwork.org.

WORD OF LIFE

““Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“A Perfect Gift,” www.usccb.org/perfect-gift



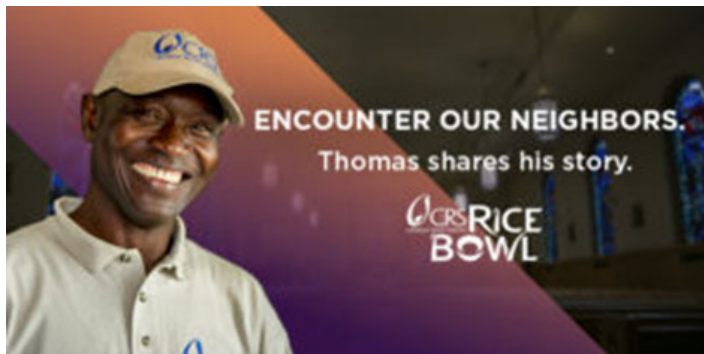
LENTEN OUTREACH



Encounter Majd

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

Upcoming Event



Join us **Friday, March 2 at 7:00pm in the Church** for a truly inspiring story of survival and success. Thomas Awiapo shares his story of growing up in a small African village in Ghana, Thomas was orphaned before the age of ten and left on his own to struggle for survival. He was the second of four brothers; his youngest two brothers died of malnutrition and lack of care.

His search for food led him to an elementary school, where he was fed a small meal every day. He survived, studied, and eventually won scholarships to attend college. He later earned a master’s degree from California State University.

Today, Thomas works with Catholic Relief Services as a consultant and integral part in bringing global solidarity. He lives in Ghana with his wife and four children. His story of initiative and his joyful presence has brought inspiration to thousands of people in the U.S.

Thomas’ talk will be followed by Stations of the Cross. We hope you can join us!

PROMOTING PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Grace Lutheran Church in La Grange (200 N. Catherine Ave.) invites you to attend an event focusing on what is happening in the Holy Land today. On **February 22 at 7pm**, they will host Dr. Paul Parker, Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Religious Studies at Elmhurst College. He will discuss Palestine Today and the fate of Jerusalem. More info at: www.gracelutheran-lg.org.

EAGLE PROJECT ASSISTANCE



I am Patrick Townsend, a sophomore at Lyons Township High School and a 2016 graduate of St. Cletus School. I am a Life Scout with Troop 19 in La Grange and I have been a scout since I was in 1st grade. I am beginning my Eagle project. The rank of Eagle is the highest rank that can be earned by a Boy Scout and the project

is the biggest challenge that a scout must complete before he can become an Eagle.

My project seeks to help veterans leaving the Hines VA hospital, moving to a permanent residence. I am collecting new cleaning supplies and toiletries.

These items can be left in the back of the church for the next week or you can also drop them off in front of Jewel on Feb. 18th. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFICE OF HUMAN DIGNITY & SOLIDARITY – IMMIGRATION MINISTRY



“I encourage all the faithful to share the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church...favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor.”
-Pope Francis

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal to protect these youth. Unfortunately, every day that passes without a solution is a day where DACA youth fall out of status and lose their ability to go to school, serve in the military, and work legally.

ACTION: As we begin the Lenten Journey this month, we ask you to join us in prayer, fasting and action by urging your lawmakers to work together for an immediate solution for Dreamers. Visit the USCCB website: www.JusticeforImmigrants.org.

For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees this Lent visit: www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org.

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 18 & 19 NO CLASS due to holiday weekend

Feb. 25 & 26 Regular RE Classes in Session, 8th Grade WAIT retreat Sunday from 9:15 a.m. – 12 noon in Morrissey Hall; 4th Grade LOVE DAY

March 4 & 5 Regular RE Classes in Session, Good Neighbor Food Drive

March 11&12 RE Classes

March 18 &19 RE Classes; 5th Grade Living Stations of the Cross Presentation



Parents: What are your kids doing this summer?

Have them join us at our Shipwrecked VBS!

Calling all children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade! We invite you to join us on June 18-22nd as we venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Join us as we spark imagination and faith-building fun with your children! We will anchor your children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

When: June 18-22, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Where: Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building

How to register: complete registration form online at stcletusparish.com, or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online through the Parish website).

Age of kids in VBS: Any child entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade in the Fall is welcome to register!

Can I volunteer? YES! We are looking for volunteers to join our Crew! We are looking for **Junior High** and **High School Students** as well as **Adults** to join us! If you are interested, please contact Barb Campbell.

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

Support the Youth Ministry Mission Trip Through our Fannie May Easter Candy Fundraiser



| Qty | Price | Item |
|-------|---------|--|
| _____ | \$3.99 | 95400 3oz Milk Chocolate Bunny |
| _____ | \$3.99 | 95401 3oz White Confection Bunny |
| _____ | \$3.99 | 95402 3oz Dark Chocolate Bunny |
| _____ | \$6.99 | 95403 6oz Milk Chocolate Bunny |
| _____ | \$6.99 | 95404 6oz White Confection Bunny |
| _____ | \$6.99 | 95405 6oz Dark Chocolate Bunny |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 95406 12oz Milk Chocolate Bunny |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95421 8pc Cream Eggs Gift Box |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 95419 4pc Cream Eggs Gift Box |
| _____ | \$29.99 | 95441 Easter Basket 6oz Jelly Bird Eggs 3oz Milk Chocolate Bunny Two 1oz foil wrapped chocolate bunnies Two 1oz milk chocolate bunnies 1.5oz Pixie single serve 1.5oz Mint Meltaways single serve One Cherry lollipop |
| _____ | \$5.99 | 95410 5oz Foil Eggs |
| _____ | \$5.99 | 95411 5oz Foil Bunnies |
| _____ | \$15.99 | 95473 2.25oz 4pk Foil Bunnies |
| _____ | \$9.99 | 95409 12oz Jelly Bird Eggs |
| _____ | \$9.99 | 95423 7.5oz Gourmet Pretzels |
| _____ | \$9.99 | 95418 7oz Caramel Pecan Fudge Egg |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 95422 8oz Dark Marshmallow, Green Striped Box |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 95420 8oz Milk Marshmallow, Blue Striped Box |
| _____ | \$9.99 | 95356 5oz Seasonal Assorted Chocolates |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95458 1lb Pixies®, Yellow Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 89258 1lb No Sugar Added Pixies® |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 95456 8oz Pixies®, Yellow Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95460 1lb Mint Meltaways®, Blue Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 95457 8oz Mint Meltaways®, Blue Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95425 1lb Spring Mint Meltaways® |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 89256 8oz No Sugar Added Mint Meltaways® |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95459 1lb Colonial Assortment, Yellow Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95436 1lb Trinidads®, Blue Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95435 1lb Assorted Creams, Yellow Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 95434 1lb Assorted Chocolates, Blue Striped Wrap |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 89251 1lb No Sugar Added Assorted Chocolates |
| _____ | \$6.99 | 91027 6oz Milk Chocolate Gimme S'more Snack Mix |
| _____ | \$24.99 | 91029 10.75oz Mint Meltaway® Wrigley™ Tin |
| _____ | \$7.99 | 91023 7oz Wrigley Field™ Assorted Mix |
| _____ | \$5.99 | 91026 5oz Foil Milk Chocolate Baseballs |
| _____ | \$12.99 | 91030 9pk Cubbies™ Milk Chocolate Bars |
| _____ | \$4.99 | 91028 2.25oz Cubs™ Milk Chocolate Caramels Baseball |

ORDER DETAILS:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Total \$ Paid _____

Please credit my order to:

(name of youth participating in the 2018 youth ministry mission trip)

Please turn in your order and check payable to St. Cletus by 2/24 to the St. Cletus Parish Office, in the new Parish Center, or to a teen participating in the 2018 St. Cletus youth ministry mission trip.

Full catalog and order form can be found at youth.stcletusparish.com.

The First Sunday of Lent

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,
15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the Candidates to
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent

Wednesday: St. Peter Damian

Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday

Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

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GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.

—St. Perpetua

TRAINING

Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation must first of all train in the camp of action.

—Pope St. Gregory the Great

FIRST SUNDAY OF
Lent

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the
desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

FEBRUARY
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2018

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Other Ministry News

ST. CLETUS CREDO LIBRARY TURNS 6!

The library is SIX years old. We have over 1,700 books and DVDs that have been donated, and over 300 are currently checked out. Due to limited space on the library cart we can only have a portion of the library on display each month, and books are changed regularly and with respect to the church calendar (Advent, Lent, etc..).

Once a year we do an inventory, and this year we will do it at the end of February. So **if you have any books, CD's, or DVD's checked out that you have had for over six months, please return them as soon as possible.** You will save us a phone call.

Your gifts have made the library possible. Thank you, and please continue to leave donations in the returns basket. We are especially looking for Catholic books in Spanish to add to the library. Each year when we do the inventory, **we are disheartened by the number of books that are missing.** The number is nearing 450. If you have a book that you did not check out, **please bring it back.** Also, a reminder to leave your NAME and PHONE NUMBER on the card when you check out a book.

Thanks,
CREDO - Continuing Religious Education Opportunities

ADULT CONFIRMATION



St. Francis Xavier Church in La Grange will be hosting a Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 9, in Unity Hall. Sessions will go from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, with the exception of March 19, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, attend the Parish Reconciliation Service, and continue until 9 pm. Please also plan to be with us Fri, April 20, 7-8:30 pm in Church with your sponsor for rehearsal. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in St. Francis Xavier Church on Sat., April 21, beginning at 10 am.

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

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 p.m. on April 10th discussing *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

YOUTH MINISTRY- KAIROS 28 APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!



Kairos is a 4-day retreat for high school Juniors and Seniors. These retreats are led by Seniors in High School and are hosted by and open to teens of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. We offer four Kairos retreats each year. Our next Kairos retreat, K28, will take place March 15-18. Registration is now open at youth.stcletusparish.com. Please consider joining us for this life-changing retreat!

YM- MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN



High School Mission Trip July 8-14, 2018

Are you being called to “bring good news to the poor”? Our Mission Trip this summer is organized by Young Neighbors in Action and will take place July 8-14th. We will again serve the community of South Bend, IN, but we will work in a different area so even those who joined us last year will still have a new experience.

Registration details are available on the website. If you are interested, please submit your application ASAP with your \$200 deposit. Fundraising opportunities are available and may be able to cover the balance of the mission trip. Registration has been extended to February 18 for high school students who will have completed 9th grade and above.

We are also looking for adult chaperones who are willing to join us. Without you, this opportunity cannot be offered. Please Contact Barb Campbell at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com for details.



Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



For Widowed Men and Women

Weekend retreat for those seeking hope and renewed joy in living after the loss of a spouse.

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

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

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

REFLECT RETREAT



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking to start 2018 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL, on March 2-4, 2018. Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Contact us at 630.222.8303, www.ReflectRetreat.com, reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com

LEGACY GUILD FUNDRAISER



The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Sat., Feb. 24, at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn.

The Big Spring Event 2018 is a rockin' evening featuring Mike & Joe, the Midwest's most renowned cover band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from La Grange.

The Legacy Guild has provided \$478,500 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.TheLegacyGuild.com. Contact Tom Cushing (312.972.8583) with any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS 2017 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS!

Thank you to all participants, and teachers, family and friends who supported and encouraged them. Well done!

"Going to the Peripheries" St. Cletus Winners:

- 1st Place Brianna Episcopo
- 2nd Place Casey Hart
- 3rd Place Catie Ramicone
- 4th Place Ian Hunt
- 5th Place Michael Nawas



Essay Contest Chair Myles Van Cura,
LaGrange Knights of Columbus Council 6483
sites.google.com/site/knightsofcolumbuscouncil6483

MEDITATION AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Come and experience **Christian Meditation** at St. John of the Cross. You are invited to attend any of the groups at SJC parish center in Room 7. Tuesdays 7:30pm, Wednesdays 2:30pm, Saturdays 7am, or Mondays 10:30am.

Morning of Meditation - Saturday, February 24, 9:00 – 11:30am, hospitality 8:30am. Unlocking Freedom and Joy: Christian Meditation in Prison. Guest Speaker - James Bishop, International Coordinator for Prison Outreach. Reservations requested but not required.

The groups at SJC are part of the World Community for Christian Meditation (wccm-usa.org, wccm.org). For further info contact Betsy 708-246-8315 wccmchgo@gmail.com.

ST. BARBARA FLEA MARKET

The St. Barbara Council of Catholic Women are planning a Flea Market Saturday March 10, 2018 from 9am to 3pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center. Time for Spring Cleaning. Sell your gently used Household items and enjoy a fun afternoon! Lunch is available. Please contact Alicia Mancini 708 485-2502 to reserve your table.

6TH ANNUAL SHAMROCKIN' FOR A CURE

Friday, Feb. 23rd 7pm - 12am at Countryside Banquets 6200 Joliet Rd. Countryside.

Tickets in advance: \$65

Tickets at the door: \$85

To purchase tickets, go to

www.chicagoshamrockin.com.

Help us find a cure for cystic fibrosis!



MONASTICISM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Benedictine Sisters of Chicago



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

Join us during National Catholic Sisters Week for an evening event exploring this very topic through discussion, reflections by the Sisters & Oblates, and a viewing of a short film on the Benedictine Sisters of Chicago.

All are welcome on Thursday, March 8, 2018 ~ 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd, Chicago, IL 60645 in the St. Scholastica Chapel.

Learn more and register: www.osbchicago.org/programs or email Sr. Belinda Monahan, OSB, bmonahan@osbchicago.org.

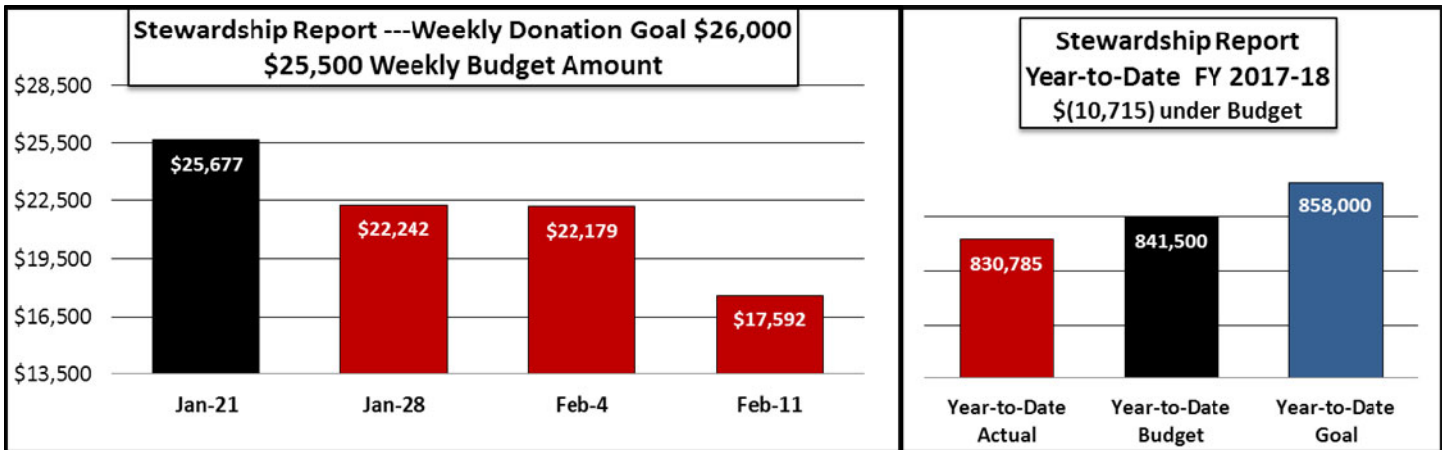
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Sunday, February 18 | 7:00am | Narthex | CRS Rice Bowl Distribution |
| Monday, February 19 | | | Facilities Closed after 8am Mass |
| Tuesday, February 20 | 6:00pm 6:30pm 8:00pm 9:00pm | Church Rectory Church MH | Holy Hour RCIA Spanish Holy Hour Boys' Church League Basketball |
| Wednesday, February 21 | 9:00am 9:00pm | Parish Center Mtg Rm Morrissey Hall | Mission Ladies Boy's Church League Basketball |
| Thursday, February 22 | 2:15pm 9:00pm | Church PC Gym | Stations of the Cross (led by the school) Boy's Church League Basketball |
| Friday, February 23 | 7:00pm | Church | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, February 24 | 6:00pm | MH | Boy's Church League Basketball |
| Sunday, February 25 | | | |

Stewardship Report



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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.

St. Cletus Parish Information

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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

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.
 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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