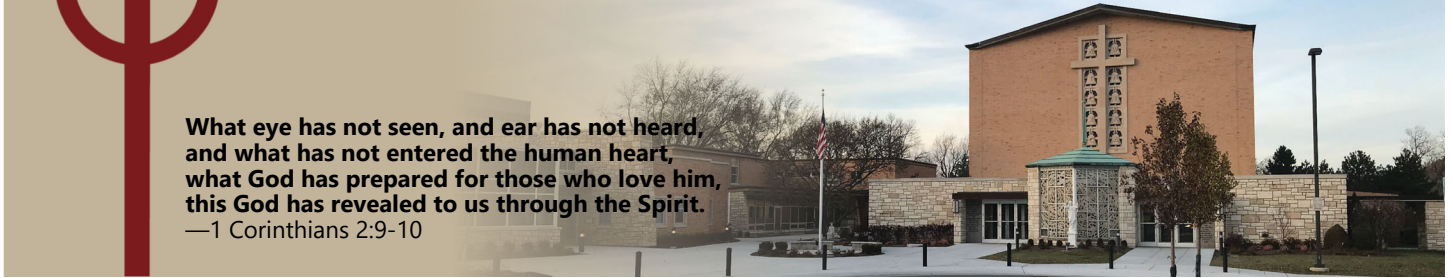




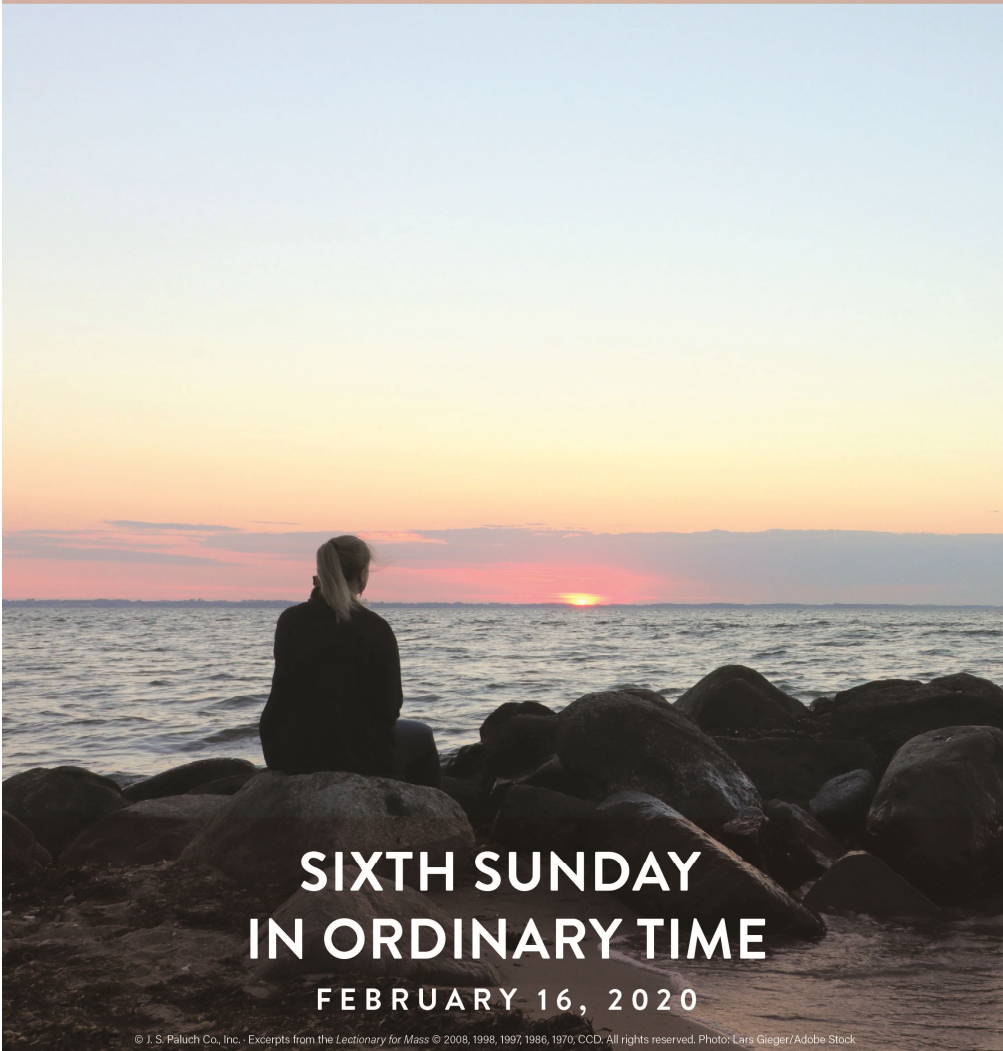
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
—1 Corinthians 2:9-10



AMEN I SAY TO YOU,
UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY,
NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER
OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER
WILL PASS FROM THE LAW.

MATTHEW 5:18



SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of February 16-23, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Barret	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski
Tuesday	Fr. Barret	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski, Gene Gajos
Wednesday	Fr. Barret	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Virginia Rachford, James Ballenger, Anita & Camilo Ferreira, Chuck Foerster
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Maryanne Farrell, Nathan Egert, Teodora Quirao, Florence Canda
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Zdunczyk Family
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Jim Deslauriers, Aranas Reynolds
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Dybas, Joseph Kulikowski, George Duda, John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Special Intention - Mary Duckett
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Bridget Jones, Steve Paczoltz, Patricia Komar
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Maria Covarrubias Rodriguez, Martin Morales Morales

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



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

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, follow me... and heal our world,” was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish and our archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

PARISH FACILITIES CLOSED FEBRUARY 17

All school and parish facilities will be closed Monday after 8am Mass in observance of President’s Day.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26

Ashes distributed at all services. See page 11 of the Canticle for more information.

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

Angel Lopez

Husband of Carmen, Father of Jorge

Mark J. Walsh

Brother of Kate Hennessey

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 - Joan Clark, Mary Duckett, Alice Dunkovich, Shirley Funk, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz

January - Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Don King, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Mary Sheehan, Rachael Schopp Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto,

December - Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski, John Duda, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Carol Witkowski

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In 1925 the great “Mahatma” Gandhi published a book, an autobiography, entitled “The Story of my Experiments with Truth.” The closing words of that book are these: “I must reduce myself to zero. So long as a man does not, of his own free will, put himself last among his fellow creatures, there is no salvation for him. Ahimsa (non-violent respect for all creatures) is the farthest limit of humility.”

The revolution that Gandhi brought about in his native India, was not aimed simply at political independence from Britain, but also at the removal of injustice and prejudice in the human soul. He was a deeply spiritual man, and it was a spiritual revolution that he sought to bring: the kind of revolution that brings peace to the heart and soul of everyone alive. For this reason Gandhi always began his war on injustice at his own door. He gave great attention to his diet, as this affects our health and influences our passions and moods. He was a great lover of exercise and of long walks, for the same reason. He said that self-indulgence is the great destroyer of men and women. “In trying to enjoy the pleasures of sense, we lose in the end even our capacity for enjoyment.”

In learning to overcome self and selfish ways, Gandhi also discovered the hardest truth of all, namely, that suffering is an important and even necessary part of human life. In his struggles with opponents, he said, “I have found that appeal to reason does not answer where prejudices are age-long...Reason has to be strengthened by suffering, and suffering opens the eyes of understanding.” Self-denial, therefore, and a willingness to suffer for the sake of goodness and truth – these virtues constitute the true revolution in human life: not the conquest of territories, not the vanquishing of enemies, but the bringing of peace through personal commitment and at personal cost.

It was said of Alexander the Great that he wept at the end of his campaigns “because there were no more worlds left to conquer.” But that is not true. Greed, dishonesty and injustice are always with us, and the revolution in the human heart is always needed.

When the Apostle Paul established the Christian community in Corinth, it was not long before internal problems erupted, and people began to vie with one another for status and self-importance. Paul has to write to them and point out how foolish they are to think and behave in this way. Boasting, he says, is such a foolish thing. No one in the world has got anything to boast about to God. No one has got any reason to get “on a high horse.” As the Church’s funeral liturgy so aptly puts it, “We brought nothing into this world, and we shall take nothing out of it.” All we have, all we are, is pure gift

from God.

We should see ourselves like that, and we should behave ourselves like that.

If we do have a boast, it is a boast that the whole world can share in – namely, to be part of Jesus Christ, the Lord. For, in the Son of God made man we have all the wisdom, all the virtue, all the holiness, and all the freedom we could ever want. Let that be our boast! Yes, in Jesus, the Lord, we have the man of the Beatitudes, the man of the great, revolutionary wisdom: the man who was first, and who made himself last of all, and least of all. Jesus, the man “who was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.” But God raised him high.

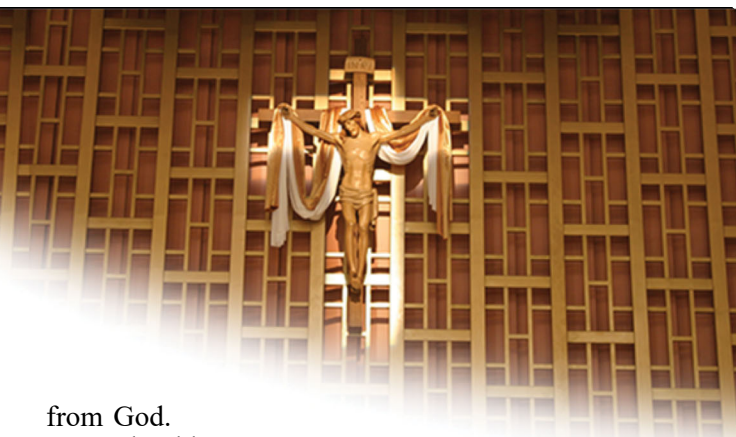
This Jesus, this humble carpenter from Nazareth, sat on a hillside and spoke to the world about revolution. He took this world as we know it, and he turned it upside down. He did not overturn governments or powers. He did not alter systems or societies – at least, not politically. Nor did he boss people. No. He blessed them. “Blessed are you,” he said.

When you open your eyes and see the world differently; when you open your heart and receive the world differently; when you open your mind and think of the world differently; then YOU will change, and the world will be different, and the kingdom of God will appear. The Beatitudes are not simply lovely words to be framed and put on a wall. They are a practice for our daily life. They are wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom. Now that is something to boast about!

Blessed in Christ Jesus,



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

February 17No School
 February 22 8th Grade Confirmation
 March 28 Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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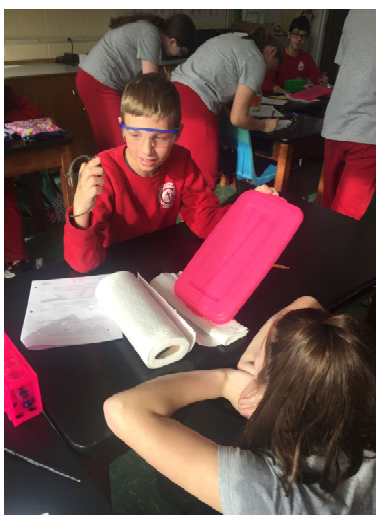
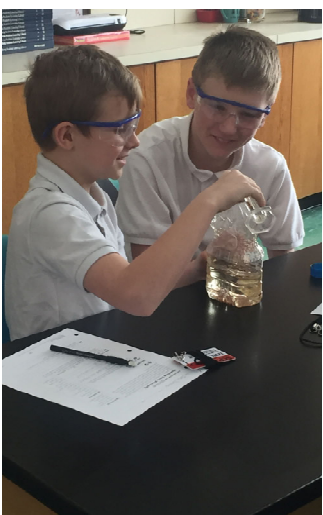
5TH GRADE RECYCLING SUCCESS

The 5th grade students collected over 130 pounds of broken Christmas lights to recycle and keep out of the landfills!



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GEO BEE

Congratulations to the winners of the St. Cletus National Geographic Geo Bee!



6TH GRADE SCIENCE

6th grade science is learning about the viscosity of liquids as a model for three different types of lava!! Great preparation for chemistry and physics in 8th grade!



ST. CLETUS SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM

The Scholastic Bowl Team did a great job of representing St. Cletus at the Nazareth Academy 7th grade Scholastic Bowl!



Saturday, March 28, 2020

6:00 p.m.

St. Cletus
Parish Center

*\$50 per person includes:
drinks, music, food, silent
and live auction.*

The St. Cletus Spring Auction, Vegas Night planning is in full swing and we are looking forward to our big event on March 28th!

As the preparations are underway, we would like to ask any parishioners who are willing to help, to please tap into your contacts and network to support the auction and our School. As you know, financial support is extremely important to the school, as we rely on donations to help our students get the best education they can. A request to your business contacts and network can be a great way to provide items for the event's silent auction - proceeds of both come right back to support the school.

Please reach out to Sara Hodak to coordinate a donation at 708-207-4570 or at auction@stcletusparish.com.

Thank you in advance for your help!



WINE CELLAR RAFFLE

For the Vegas Night Spring Auction we will be raffling off an Instant Wine Cellar, with 50 bottles of wine. This instant wine cellar is valued at over \$1,000.

In order to make the raffle a success, we need your help creating the cellar. We invite you to donate a bottle of red or white wine with a price tag of \$20 or more. Wine donations may be dropped off at the St. Cletus School Office or at our home, 620 9th Avenue, La Grange. If you purchase your wine bottle from MainStreet on La Grange Road, you will receive a 10% discount and will not pay sales tax.

No time to shop? No problem. We also are accepting monetary donations and will purchase the wine on your behalf. Please send donations to the school office in an envelope marked "Wine Raffle."

Please be sure to include your name and mailing address with either type of donation so that we can acknowledge your support.

If you have any questions, please contact us at eileendorch@gmail.com.



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta sauces
- Boxed potatoes
- Flavored rice
- Macaroni & Cheese

Donations can be dropped off before or after Masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).

Follow us on facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



LENTEN OUTREACH



As we prepare for Easter, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after Masses February 29-March 1. All ages are welcome. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/rxdpzm5> to view slots and sign up.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE



“Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts—whether educational, pastoral, or legislative—will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”

“Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities”
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY SPEAKER

Our Area Respect Life Ministry will be hosting the Illinois Right to Life “Pro-Life Training Tour” featuring Mary Kate Knorr, Executive Director of Illinois Right to Life.

The training will be held at St. Francis Xavier (124 N Spring Ave. La Grange) on February 19th at 7:00pm.

Participants will learn some tools and techniques for having a pro-life conversation about abortion and receive a detailed recap of what was in the Reproductive Health Act that passed in IL last spring. The training will provide a thorough understanding of the pro-life values, the science and the facts behind them, the current state of the pro-life movement, and refutations to common pro-abortion arguments.



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Mary Kate Knorr
Executive Director
Illinois Right to Life

St. Francis Xavier
124 N. Spring Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525
February 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.

For more information,
please call 708-352-0168.

ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE

Parental guidance is recommended for any parent who considers bringing anyone under 18. For more information, please call 708.352.0168.

‘UNPLANNED’ FILM SCREENING

Our Respect Life Ministry will be showing the movie ‘Unplanned’ which tells the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director who became one of the most well-known pro-life speakers in America. The event will be held Sunday, March 1 from 2-4pm at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

Note this film is rated R. The film received the rating because of two scenes. One shows what happens in an abortion with a 2D ultrasound image and another recreates an experience with the abortion pill. Parents will need to decide if it is age appropriate but 8th grade and up are encouraged to see this film with their parents to discuss the reality of choice.



WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO

Unplanned

A FREE FILM SCREENING EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS-PARISH CENTER
5005 WOLF RD
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL 60558

The inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director who became one of the most well-known pro-life speakers in America. Film is rated R.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

HELP WANTED - Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time paid Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communications, plus love of working with older adults. Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: jgarreauicp@gmail.com or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328

AREA PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

Lenten Small Faith Group on Issues of Catholic Social Teaching

The St Francis Xavier and St Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry will be hosting a Lenten small faith group on issues related to Catholic Social Teaching.

Wednesdays: March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2020
7-8pm; please join us for optional soup dinner at 6:30pm

St Francis Xavier Rectory (124 N Spring Avenue LaGrange 60525)

RSVP: Judy Kennedy jkennedy1333@ameritech.net

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Resume Remake - Join us on Thursday, February 20, from 7-9 pm for an informative "how to" session. Learn how to...target your resume and get noticed! How to... highlight the skills, knowledge and experience that REALLY matter. How to... create meaningful "achievement statements" that show your value. How to...easily customize your resume for each opportunity with a professional format. How to... optimize web based tools and sites to boost your visibility, create activity and get the interview! Our speaker is Jodi Eriksen, a Certified Advanced Career Coach. Spend some of your valuable time with Jodi this evening and you will be energized, informed and motivated to remake YOUR resume. There is no cost to attend this meeting and everyone is welcome...at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

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

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

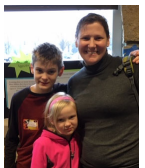
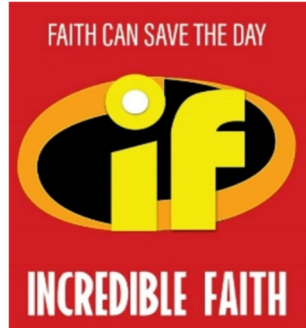
How old do I have to be to volunteer? Volunteers need to be 11 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions. Ages 16 and older can volunteer self-supervised. Ages 11-15 need to have one adult supervisor per 10 youths.

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

Religious Education

FAMILY CATECHETICAL EVENT

Religious Education families enjoyed some family time together at our annual Family Catechetical Event. This year's theme was Incredible Families of Faith. Families had the chance to play together, perform service together, and learn new ways to strengthen faith at home. It was so much fun!



Youth Ministry

ALPHA FOR TEENS



A faith formation opportunity offered collaboratively through St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Youth Ministries for teens in our community.

All High School teens are invited to attend our weekly Alpha for Teens Series, Sundays from 6:15-7:30pm in the Saint John of the Cross Parish Center. All are invited to come to share a meal, watch a short video, and talk about questions and topics from the video. Through the next several weeks, the Alpha Teen Series explores timeless questions about life, faith and God for a new generation.

It is not too late to start attending Alpha for Teens! Please feel free to attend any of the upcoming dates of Alpha for Teens, and bring a friend!

2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

KAIROS 35 RETREAT



March 12-15, 2020
Sponsored by Saint John of the Cross Youth Ministry.

Kairos is a retreat offered to high school juniors and seniors through the combined efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. The retreat is offered three times each calendar year. Kairos is a 4-day retreat that allows you to build new friendships as well as to deepen current relationships, and to learn more about yourself and your

connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT SALT & LIGHT!



February 28 & 29, 2020
Saint John of the Cross Parish Center

Our Freshman/Sophomore retreat is a retreat offered in collaboration between the Youth Ministry programs of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross.

This year's Freshman/Sophomore Retreat will be a lock-in in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, for any and all freshman & sophomore teens in our community looking for a short retreat full of fun and formation. High School juniors & seniors will be leading your teens throughout the weekend, reinforcing this year's theme of Salt & Light through games, reflections, and activities.

REGISTRATION

Registration for these programs can be found on the Youth Ministry page on the St. Cletus Parish Website, youth.stcletusparish.com. Questions? Contact MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at mzurowski@stcletusparish.com.

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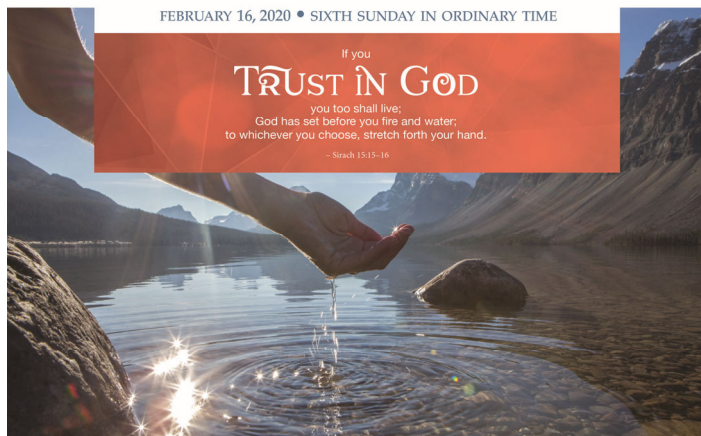
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Thank you to our 2019 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest Major Sponsors. These businesses will be listed in our Parish Canticle for one year as preferred providers.

Sunday Notes



CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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CONSCIENCE

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

—George Washington

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents’ Day
 Friday: St. Peter Damian
 Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday

THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

February 22

In brushing up for “Catholic Jeopardy,” it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair: Saint Peter’s chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today’s Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter’s chair above the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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BAD COMPANY

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.

—Anonymous

Other Ministry News

GIRL SCOUT MASS



CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scout Mass will be celebrated on March 7, 2020 at 5pm mass at St. Cletus Church. Please have girls checked in and seated in their grades marked pew by 4:50pm. We are asking all girls to bring an item for the food pantry and wear their vest/sash.

INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF CARE?



We are now looking for a more volunteers for this ministry. The commitment is one hour a month at La Grange Hospital and you select which day of each month you attend. Training is provided.

We are having a meeting, Sunday, February 16th at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Center, lunch will be provided.

Come and meet current MOCs, hear their stories and see if it's for you!

If you want come, enjoy lunch and learn more (no pressure) please email me at: sheyes@stcletusparish.com

Or leave me a message at: 708 215 5407

Blessings - Deacon Stuart

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



If you are an adult (18+) baptized Catholic, have made your First Communion and Reconciliation but have not been Confirmed, please read the information below. Classes are offered that will prepare you for the Sacrament and you could be Confirmed this Spring.

You need to contact the number listed for Vicariate IV (that is St. Cletus) for further information or the Cathedral which is the next closest with dates available.

Vicariate IV Confirmation Mass and Preparation Site:

Our Lady of Charity, 3600 South 57th Ct. Cicero, IL

Mass: Friday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

Preparation Class Dates (Fridays from 7-9pm): February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

Contact: Dc. Juan Diego Valencia, 708.250.0823, jndgvalencia@yahoo.com

LENTEN PREPARATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY

It is not too early to mark your calendar as the Lenten Season is fast approaching. Please note the following:

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26th – Prayer Services and Ashes – 6:30am & 3:30pm

Masses and Ashes – 8:00am & 9:30am & 6:00pm, and 7:15pm (Spanish)

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

As we work with our Renew My Church parish grouping, there will be 2 Lenten Reconciliation services this year.

St. Cletus will celebrate one of the services on Monday, Mar.16th at 7:00pm

The clergy from our neighboring parishes including St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier will assist our priests.

A second service will be offered at St. Francis Xavier on Tuesday, Mar.24th, at 7:00pm.

All are encouraged and welcome to participate at one of these sacramental celebrations.

Regular Confessions will continue to be available on Saturday afternoons from 4:15-4:45pm.



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HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO



All February - Shop at Jewel-Osco, and donate to Honor Flight Chicago at checkout.

Honor Flight Chicago is proud to partner with Jewel-Osco once again to honor more senior war heroes in 2020!

All month long, Jewel-Osco shoppers will have an opportunity to add a donation for HFC to their total via the pin pad at checkout -- even when paying by cash! Ask your cashier for details.

More info: 773.227.VETS(8387) • www.honorflightchicago.org

JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY



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." Please join us at one of our retreats which are designed to help the widowed sort out challenges and learn to find joy in living again, while treasuring memories of their spouse. March 14 & 15, 2020 at Our Lady of the Angels, Hse. of Prayer, (Mt. Assisi Center Bldg.) 13820 Main St., Lemont, IL (Near Cog Hill). For further information call 708-354-7211, or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: www.joyfulagain.org

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

At-Home Directed Retreat

Wednesdays, Feb. 26 to Mar 11 at 7 PM

A Lenten Retreat designed for busy people, inviting you to become the face of Love during this season of transformation. The group meets together twice, on Ash Wednesday evening to begin and for a closing session on Wednesday evening, March 11. During the two weeks in-between, commit to pray for ½ hour a day and to meet 5 times with a spiritual director (who will be assigned the first evening). Cost: Free will offering, suggested range \$100-\$125.

Moving through the Energy of Grief

Monday, March 2, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Grief is a response to many life situations (from everyday stress to the end-of-life transition) that bring us to seek healing and wholeness and create a desire for spiritual and personal growth. Energy work can shift things on a level below our thinking and feeling. Find out what is ready to move in you. Facilitated by JoAnne Scullin. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission. Network. www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

Do you know a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Township, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others? If so, talk with them about this special honor and ask them if they are comfortable with you nominating them. If they are, please complete the form from Aging Care Connections, including a digital headshot of the honoree, and send it to communitygems@agingcareconnections.org. Submit nominations by March 2.

ROSARY HILL BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT

In **No Greater Love**: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program will be held on Monday nights beginning, **Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m.** Cost of Study Pack is \$30.00 and includes workbook, book *and on-line viewing access with purchase of Study Pack*. For more information or to register, contact Sharon at Rosary Hill Home (708) 458-3040 or email Sharon@rosaryhillhome.com.

TUTORING ENGLISH TO ADVANCE CHANGE

We are looking for volunteers to teach English as a Second Language to adults. Our next new tutor training session will be Feb. 28-29. For more information please call: Susana Aguilar 630-217-0396 or Amy Smetana 708-968-7023. Check us out online: www.teachempowers.org.

ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English. Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop: Friday, March 13th (6-9pm) and Saturday, March 14th (9am-4pm). Register in advance and attend both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

ST. PAT'S DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 12, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
Start your St. Patrick's Day early by joining the fun at FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Road in Berwyn, on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Reservations are \$60 by March 9 or \$65 after March 9 and at the door. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities services for the homeless in the West Region of Cook County. The event features great Irish entertainment by the McNulty Irish Dancers, The Shannon Rovers, and members of the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago. Contact Dave Gardner at dgardner@catholiccharities.net

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 or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

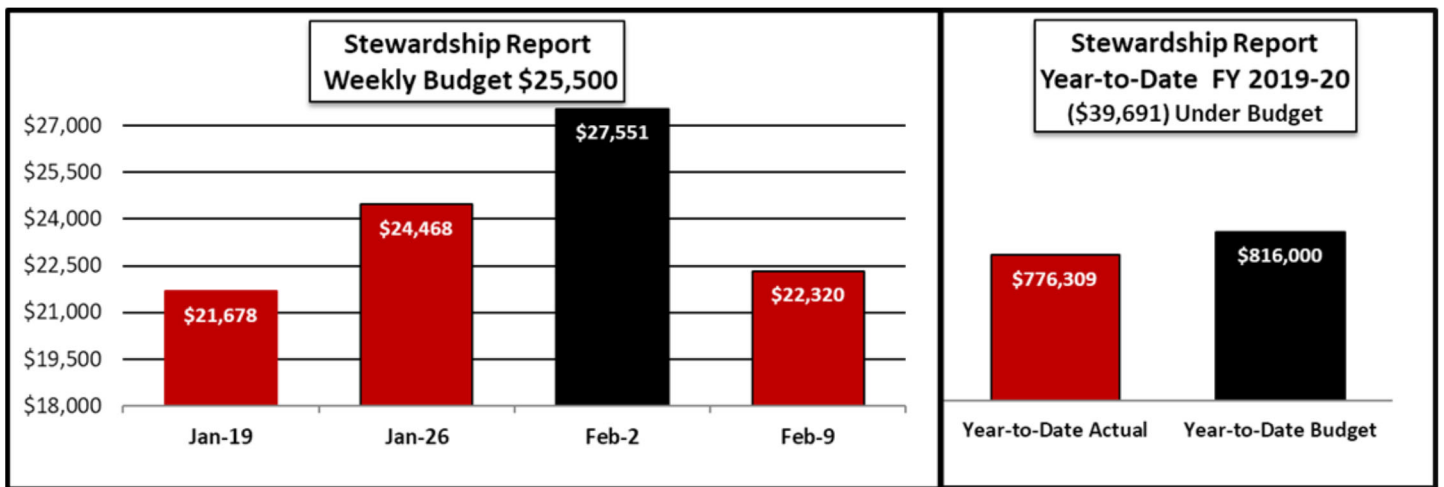
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 16	11:30pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Ministry of Care Meeting
Monday, February 17			All Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, February 18	7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Rectory Church Parish Center Gym	RCIA Spanish Holy Hour Men's Basketball
Wednesday, February 19	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room School Room 117 Parish Center Gym	Mission Ladies Teen Seekers Boys Church League
Thursday, February 20	5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement Morrisey Hall Parish Center Gym/Church School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Boys Church League Confirmation Practice Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 21			
Saturday, February 22	1:00pm	Church	Confirmation
Sunday, February 23	12:00pm	School Room 102	RCIA Teens

Stewardship Report



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY




As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2019 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

CONTACT US

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 Español(708) 215-5440
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 www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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

MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

STAFF

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Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, Deacon Couple

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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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