

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

If God is for us,
who can be against us?

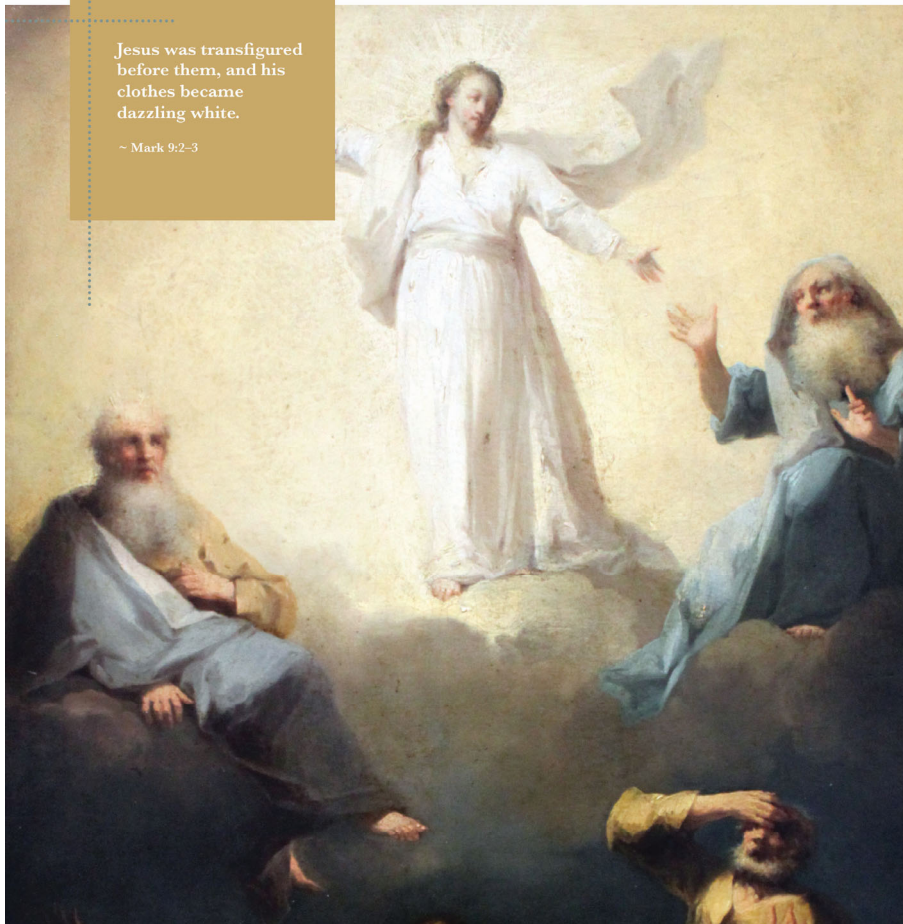
— Romans 8:31b



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured
before them, and his
clothes became
dazzling white.

~ Mark 9:2-3



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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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| FEB. 27 | 6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Spanish Holy Hour |
| MAR. 2 | 7pm Speaker followed by Stations of the Cross |
| MAR. 3 | St. Cletus School Auction |

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 26 - March 4, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Matesevac
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Michael Pizzuto, Frank Wojcik, John Rudak
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli, Marcie Johnston
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prevanas
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Joseph & Kay Klemak St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Baker Fr. Fisher Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Stacy Baker, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, John & Frances Kennedy Riccardone & Calandriello Families, Frances & Albert Jachimek Rose Haddad, Peter John, Alfred Mozdzen Joan Gibbone, Gene Kennedy, Patricia Donovan Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Elizabeth Charlotte Gildow

Daughter of Chelsea Clarke & Kurtis Gildow

Nolan Clarke Gildow

Son of Chelsea Clarke & Kurtis Gildow

Katelynn Frances Weber

Daughter of Jennifer Guidice & James Weber

Thomas Albert Hinton

Son of Christine Quilter & Scott Hinton

Nora Jean Gregersen

Daughter of Lauren Rapacki & Scott Gregersen

Robert Santino Johnson

Son of Karissa Knickelbein & Robert Johnson

Natalie Alexandra Pedretti

Daughter of Alexandra Sulik & Daniel Pedretti

Isla Elizabeth Brennan

Daughter of Hannah Keenan & Conor Brennan

Luke Michael Mahr

Son of Rebecca Hedlin & David Mahr

Mitchell Lawrence Dreher

Son of Serena Lucnik & Lawrence Dreher

Oliver James Johnston

Son of Hayden Pozulp & Jacob Johnston

**to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of
Baptism.**



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

Josephine Krakora

Wife of Richard Krakora

William Charles Schad

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...

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Many examples are used to express the relationship of Christ and his people. One particularly powerful example can be used with younger children. A teacher holds aloft a box containing various articles, and tells the classroom that 'Inside this box is the best thing God ever made'. This should get the attention of the children. Then the teacher teases the class by emptying the box of its cargo: a chocolate bar, a music CD, the logo from the Chicago Bears, and a cell phone. As these are produced the teacher asks if these are the best things God has made. The class is not sure. A child is then invited forward to look into the now empty box, except for a mirror at the base. The class is reminded that in the box is the most beautiful thing God has made. Of course when the child looks inside all he/she sees is her/his reflection. This then is shown to the class, the message being that we are each special, beloved by the Lord, and the best thing he ever made.

Children are usually able to accept this basic fact more easily than their parents. Hopefully they will be young enough not to have been told otherwise too often. Hopefully they have not found themselves too hurt, and therefore tempted to close in on themselves. It is less likely that they will have failed too badly, or lost a relationship, and found themselves feeling worthless inside. By contrast if you were to ask most of us adults to look into the mirror to see a wonderful creation of the Lord, would we readily believe it?

As Jesus begins his public ministry he is comforted by a voice of assurance, a voice of love that tells him he is beloved by his Father. This is a moment of truth, a moment of transfiguration. This gives him the strength he needs to continue a journey that will lead to the cross. In our own lives too, we need to know the love God has for us. We need to be reminded that we have been created by him and chosen in love.

Today the apostles see the glory of our Lord. They want to remain in this beautiful place. It is Peter who speaks up; "let us stay here, I will set up camp". The impetuous apostle does not realize the significance of the moment. Just as Abraham imagined that the Lord would take his son, Peter imagines that they had already reached the end of their journey. Jesus has been acknowledged as the chosen one of God, not just in their presence, but also in the presence of history, in the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. His next 'transfiguration' will wait until Gethsemane, the cross and finally the risen glory of Easter morning.



As we continue our pilgrimage through Lent, we look within ourselves for the strength we need to follow the way of the cross. We need a reminder of God's love in our moments of doubt. Sometimes we lose the ones we love, sometimes we find ourselves lost, unsure of our next move in life. If our God loves us, why do these things happen to us? There are no easy answers to such questions. Yet we know that God has given us the ultimate gift, he has given his Son that we might be free. Could it be that in facing dark times with God on our side we become more whole? We have a choice, to be alone and embittered, or to walk with him and hear that voice of encouragement, the voice that transfigures, calls us to be more than we are already; the voice that calls us his beloved.

Each of us has the capability of building others up, of showing them the love of Christ by our actions and our lives. Thank God we do not struggle alone. Like Christ we each have moments of transformation along the way of faith that leads us to Easter. Those defining moments may be fleeting, but they point to the Father's presence with us. They may be an embrace, a wedding day or the birth of a new baby: high-points in our lives, confirming us just as Christ is confirmed in the presence of Moses and Elijah, the Lawgiver and the Prophet.

Yet transformation is more than a moment. For Christ, it is the start of a long journey of endurance towards another hill and a more painful spectacle that leads to our freedom. Peter hopes the moment will last, but as we know such moments never do. Yet our little moments of transfiguration, instances when we are shown love, acceptance, and encouragement by others, are moments when we are given strength to journey on, like Jesus, to the moment of Redemption. They echo the voice of a God who says to each of us, "you are my chosen ones".

Lenten Prayers,

Fr. Bob

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Auction March 3
 Early Education Open House 8:30am March 7
 Early Education Open House 6pm March 21

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Tom Chinske, Principal **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**
 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
 tchinske@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

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



Building a Relationship with God through Service

Last week the Preschool made Valentine's Day cards for residents at Bethlehem Woods Retirement Community. St. Cletus Students make faith a part of their everyday life. Through prayers and acts of kindness toward others they come to know and serve God. This preschool service project was a great hands-on activity for the children and a way to give back to the community.



Junior High Dances

Each year the 7th and 8th Grade Students gather for a Homecoming dance in September and a more casual dance in February. This year's February dance was a "Beach Party." Students had a great time making memories and dancing the night away!

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. 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27

Stations of the Cross Fridays 7:00-8:00pm
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
March 29 - 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Good Friday
March 30 - 3:00pm

The Easter Vigil March 31 - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday April 1st
7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

HISPANIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Holy Hour
Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018 7:00pm Church
Tuesday March 6, 2018 7:00pm Church
Tuesday Mar. 20, 2018 7:00pm Church
Tuesday Mar. 27, 2018 7:00pm Church

Lenten Reflections
Friday March 2, 2018 7:00pm Morrissey Hall
Friday March 9, 2018 7:00pm Parish Center
Friday Mar. 16, 2018 7:00pm Parish Center
Friday Mar. 23, 2018 7:00pm Parish Center

Holy Hour. + Spanish Confessions
Tuesday Mar. 13, 2018 7:00pm Church

Way of the Cross
Friday Mar. 30, 2018 6:30pm PC 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. More information can be found on page 7.

St. Cletus Parish
Reconciliation Service

MONDAY
March 12
7:00 p.m.

A background image for the Reconciliation Service featuring three crosses of varying heights against a sunset sky over a dark landscape.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the Living Stations presented by the St. Cletus School 8th grade students, accompanied by the Contemporary Choir.

A background image for the Living Stations of the Cross showing a group of people in traditional or religious attire, some holding candles, in a dimly lit setting.

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)
- Baby wipes
- Canned or powdered milk
- Cleaning supplies

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).



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



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

Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence, this group may be very helpful. The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418 for more information.

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

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.”

“How to Build a Culture of Life,”
www.usccb.org/culture-of-life



LENTEN OUTREACH - ENCOUNTER CESIA



We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? 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 information.

RICE BOWLS




Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped hand out Rice Bowls at Masses last weekend.

If you did not get a Rice Bowl but would still like one, please stop by the Parish Center to pick one up!

UPCOMING EVENT

encounter
LENT 2018

CRS speaker



Thomas Awiapo
CRS Global Solidarity

CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Friday, March 2nd 7:00pm
St. Cletus Church

Join us Friday 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!

More information about Thomas can be found online at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/speakers/ghana>

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11 a.m. -3 p.m., at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace is the 10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit. The benefit raises money to help expand grants and other assistance to the many volunteers as they serve the poor in the communities across Cook and Lake counties; and the various programs and services that offer direct service to those in need including clients of the Pope Francis Center, a social services agency focused on homelessness prevention.

Festivities include Drury Lane's delicious champagne brunch and entertainment provided by our famous Church Choir Challenge. Attendees are welcome to participate in games of chance, and a grand prize car raffle, sponsored by Ray Buick, to help raise additional funds for those in need.

Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Benefit Co-chair Pam Matambanadzo at 773-360-0093 or vop@svdpchicago.org to learn how you can support this fun and important event.

During the 2018 “Friend of the Poor” Benefit for Chicago-SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2018 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value).



Raffle Tickets are \$25 Each. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 22, 2018 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter raffle. No redeemable cash value. Winner responsible for taxes, title, transfer, and insurance.

To purchase tickets: www.svdpbenefit.org

SCHOOL AND TUTORS ON WHEELS

Be a Volunteer Tutor - Teach English as a Second Language

TUTOR TRAINING:
Saturday March 3,
& Saturday March 10, 2018
from 9 am - 3 pm at
First Congregational Church of La Grange
100 S. 6th Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525



It only takes one hour, a week! CALL 630-217-0396 to RSVP or visit our website www.schoolandtutorsonwheels.org.

We are looking for tutors in your area.

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Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING DATES

- 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
- Feb. 27** First Eucharist Parent Meeting 7pm
- 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
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_____	\$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 2/25 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 Second Sunday of Lent

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence; First Friday;
World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924.

The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF
Lent

From the cloud
came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

FEBRUARY
25
2018

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Other Ministry News

HOLY NAME SOCIETY – MARCH MEETING

The Holy Name Society's March meeting will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 8:00 PM in the Room 98 of the School. The primary topic will be the finalization of plans for the Pancake Breakfast. This year the breakfast is scheduled to be held in the Parish Center on Sunday, March 25th. We welcome all men of the parish to join us at our meetings!

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

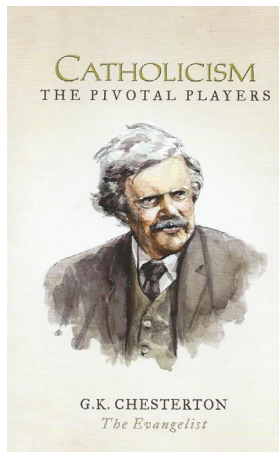
ADULT CONFIRMATION

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 Mondays: Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 9, in Unity Hall 7:30 – 9:00 pm, with the exception of March 19, when we will gather at 6:45 pm. Fri, April 20, 7-8:30 pm will be a rehearsal in Church with your sponsor. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in St. Francis Xavier Church on Sat., April 21, beginning at 10 am.

Register online at www.sfxlg.org (click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate Devries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

CREDO - PIVOTAL PLAYERS - FEB. 28TH



You are invited to learn more about G. K. Chesterton and why Bishop Barron included him as a Pivotal Player. He was more than a writer and even was a visiting professor at Notre Dame. We will meet Wednesday, February 28 at 7pm in room 98 of the educational building. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it. Please use the side doors of the school next to the church.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

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.

SCCCW

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

Meeting 3/13 - Come join us for an evening of fun at the next CCW meeting on Tuesday, March 13th in the Parish Center Gallagher Room. Meeting 7pm, entertainment by "In The Moment" quartet at 7:30pm. Fellowship, Food, Fun, Friends & prizes too! Don't miss it!

Scholarship Info - The Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women offers a renewable \$1000 per year scholarship for young women graduating high school.

The criteria is:

- 1) students must maintain a C average
- 2) students must participate in extracurricular activities: church/community/school
- 3) students must plan to attend a college or university
- 4) students must submit latest transcripts
- 5) students must submit a 300 word essay on "What it means to be a Catholic women in the world today?" (typed & double spaced)
- 6) students must submit 2 letters of recommendation, one from the pastor or youth minister, the other from the Dean of Students or Counselor or non-family member
- 7) enclose completed application form (found at <http://www.accwchicago.org>) and mail to: Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Committee, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60653.

Students should mail essay, transcripts, signed application & recommendation letters with a post mark no later than March 20th for consideration. More information can be found at <http://www.accwchicago.org>.

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.

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

MEDITATION AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

A Special Lenten Program , Journey to the Heart - Moving into Quiet Prayer through Gentle Yoga and Christian Meditation. Six Thursdays, Feb. 15th to March 22nd, 2 to 3pm or 7 to 8pm. St John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. High school and older, women and men, no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or large towel. Questions? Contact Mo Dunne, modunne@sbcglobal.net

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. 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.

MONASTICISM FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



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.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER,



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. Register at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

Practicing Peace: In our world where anger, hatred and fear lead to so much suffering, more than ever, we need to find ways to cultivate peace, kindness, and reverence for life. Jackie Schmitz, CSJ leads us in an hour of Centering Prayer, music, ritual and sharing. Meets on the second and fourth Mondays each month; next session is **Monday, Feb. 26, 11AM-noon.** Cost: \$10

Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity - Saturday, Mar. 3 9:30 AM – Noon. Join author Christine Schenk, CSJ as she takes us on a journey through women's history in the first four centuries of Christianity. Exploring visual imagery found in tombs of prominent early Christian women, a fascinating picture of women's authority in the early church emerges. Cost: \$30 Pre-registration greatly appreciated.

Untying the Knots, Polarization in America - Saturday, Mar. 24 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Mike McGillicuddy is convinced that there is an accelerating crisis of polarization in American society. In this interactive workshop, Mike will invite participants to step outside their comfort zones and explore the worldviews of others with curiosity and humility, while refraining from persuasion and judgement. Cost: \$30. Pre-registration greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY GEMS NOMINATIONS



We are seeking Community GEMs! Community GEMs are older adults who are GOING THE EXTRA MILE through volunteer work to better their community. If you know of a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Townships, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others, please fill out a nomination form by March 16, 2018. Then join us and all of the GEMs for lunch on Tuesday May 1, 2018, where we will honor them and their impact on our community! If you have any questions about Aging Well Month or the Community GEMs Volunteer Recognition Program, please contact Alyson at 708.603.2259 or AWN@agingcareconnections.org.

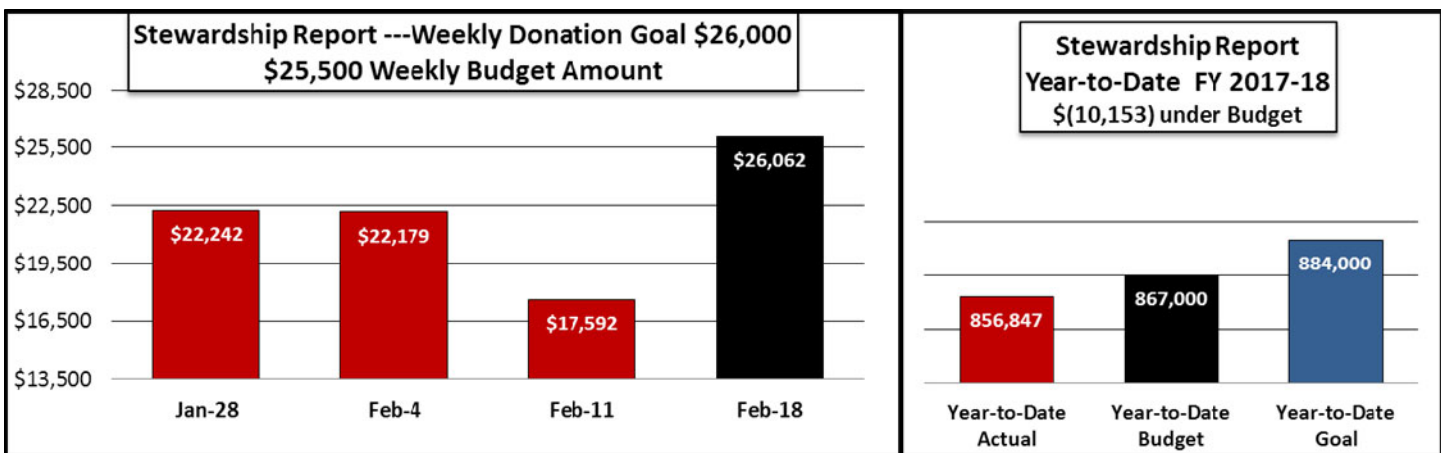
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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 25	7:00am	Narthex	St. Cletus School Spring Auction Table
Monday, February 26	4:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, February 27	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Church Rectory Church MH PC Gym	Holy Hour RCIA Spanish Holy Hour First Eucharist Parent Meeting Boys' Church League Basketball
Wednesday, February 28	9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm School Rm 98 PC Gym	Mission Ladies CREDO Pivotal Players - G. K. Chesterton Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, March 1	2:15pm 5:00pm 7:30pm 9:00pm	Church School Music Rm School Music Rm PC Gym	Stations of the Cross (led by the school) Junior Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, March 2	7:00pm 8:00pm	Church School Rm 98	CRS Speaker followed by Stations of the Cross Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, March 3	6:00pm	PC	St. Cletus School Auction
Sunday, March 4			

Stewardship Report



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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

MASSES

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