

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."**

— Luke 6:20-21a

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is in the Lord.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of February 18 - 24, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Stacey Baker, John E. Cooper, Lawrence Vieceli
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Frank Wojcik, John E. Cooper, Jacqueline Rybacki, Walter Dombrowski
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Maryanne Farrell
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Dolores Slowiak
Saturday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Fisher	5:00 p.m.	Daniel E. Moore, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ken Kareka, Mary Gallagher
Sunday	Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m.	Mary Jo & Ed Rose, George Duda
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Gregorio & Leticia Villajos Jr., Bienvenido Hernandez, Eusebia Hernandez, Gregorio Villajos Sr.
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Eileen McMillin, Lucille, Special Intention - Ola Mateevy
	Fr. Ayala	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

Marriage Banns



Sara Hoffman & Ed Marchese

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

Paul Knappek

Rita Oppeborn

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 - Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, George Sedlacek

January - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek, Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera

December - Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Gene Gajos, Jim McLamore, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, Rachael Schopp, Dr. Max Scheyerer, John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski, Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley, Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda, Laura Biesadecki, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello, Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

All Parish facilities will be closed Monday following 8am Mass in observance of President's Day.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



Living Our Faith, Building Our Future
The Final Phase

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal enables our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to "Come, Follow Me...and share the Word." If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

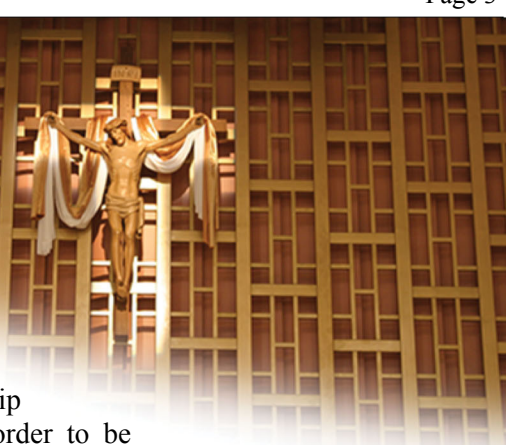
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Anthony De Mello in one of his many inspiring books gives us a parable of life to ponder. A group of tourists sits in a bus that is passing through beautiful country-side: lakes, mountains, green-fields and rivers. However, the shades of the bus are pulled down. So, the tourists do not have the slightest idea of what lies beyond the windows of the bus. Meanwhile their journey is spent squabbling over who is the best dressed, who will have the seat of honor in the bus, who will be applauded, who will be well considered. And so they remain till the journey's end. De Mello concludes that we often look for happiness in the wrong places.

Jesus in the Sermon on the Plain gives us a guide to inner happiness. However, we should be warned. The people whom Jesus calls happy, the world calls wretched, and the people whom Jesus calls wretched, the world would call happy. Once again, Jesus, in his preaching about the Kingdom of God, turns everything upside-down. Luke uses the Greek word, MAKARIOS, for happy or blessed. MAKARIOS in Greek often means inner happiness. How do we discover this treasure of inner happiness? Quite simply, by following the life and teaching of Jesus.

Jesus has come to preach to the poor, the prisoners, the blind and the downtrodden of his day. Jesus challenges his listeners to do the same: be humble, show mercy, be open to those in need. Jesus says something like this: "do this, and not only will you be close to God but also you will experience inner happiness, inner contentment." But what practical steps should we follow in order to find this happiness. Firstly, Jesus is able to carry out his demanding vocation because his whole life and work is rooted in his relationship with God the Father. Jesus has come from the Father, he is doing the work of the Father, he is returning to the Father. The primary and most important relationship or friendship in the life of Jesus is his intimacy with God his Father. And so, Jesus is advocating a God-oriented existence for each one of us. Secondly, Jesus effectively says: "forget about yourself and concentrate on loving and helping others. If you spend your life trying to bring other people happiness and joy, then you cannot fail to bring happiness and joy to yourself."

The Christian vocation can only be lived fully if we have a strong, vibrant, living relationship with Jesus. We need to keep listening to Jesus, we need to keep talking with Jesus. On our own we will not be able to cope with the challenges of being a Christian. Christianity is hard and it can only be tried in the company of Jesus.



We must have a relationship with Jesus in order to be faithful to our Christian vocation. In the tissue of relationships that make up our lives, we need to give priority to our relationship with Jesus. Therefore, prayer is not an option for the Christian, it is a necessity. The second step to inner happiness emphasizes that love of others must dominate the life of a Christian. We need to try and forget about ourselves and throw all our energies into loving and caring for others. It is the challenge, the journey of a life-time. If we set our hearts on loving and caring for our families, our friends, for those in need, we will experience a deep, profound joy, an inner happiness. There is the old story about a Christian missionary tending the dreadful sores of a leper. A visitor to the colony watched this act of healing and then remarked: "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars!" And the missionary looked up and said: "Neither would I!" The fulfillment we receive in reaching out to others in love, care and compassion cannot be measured in material or monetary value. If we stay close to Jesus and try to love and help others then we shall experience the inner happiness that money simply cannot buy.

Love and Happiness Always,

Fr. Bob
Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

February 18 Queen of Hearts Drawing
 February 23 Confirmation
 March 30 Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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JULIET MEETS SISTER JEAN

To further develop their writing skills, 3rd graders were tasked with researching and writing about a famous person of their choice. This student wrote about Sister Jean, the Loyola Men’s Basketball Team’s most famous fan and team chaplain. On Tuesday night, she had the thrill of meeting Sister Jean after the game. As she wrote in her essay, “Sister Jean is an inspiration because she is kind and faithful to everyone around her.” It looks like she made just as lasting an impression on Sister Jean.



100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

Always a fun day, the St. Cletus Kindergarten classes celebrated 100 days of school with creative, hands-on activities.

CARDINAL PROUD



2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside. \$75 per person includes food, entertainment, live & silent auctions! We are currently looking for donations of gift cards, vacation homes, sporting event and theater tickets for our auction. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Cletus School.

ST. CLETUS Queen of Hearts RAFFLE



BUY TICKETS DAILY AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB.

DRAWINGS MONDAYS AT 7PM AT KENNY'S.

THE ST. CLETUS QUEEN OF HEARTS 50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS...

Visit Kenny’s Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, February 18.

Raffle Details: In cooperation with Kenny’s Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny’s Irish Pub on 55th Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny’s until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES! Get your tickets at Kenny’s today! (Winner need not be present to win)

Religious Education

A LOOK AHEAD...

- February 17 & 18 NO CLASS due to holiday weekend
- February 21 Confirmation Practice in Church 6:30-8 p.m.
- February 23 Confirmation at 1 p.m. (Students and Sponsors arrive at 12:30 in PC)
- February 24 & 25 Regular RE Classes in Session, 8th Grade classes do not meet. Special Needs Adaptive class meets in PC. Good Neighbor Food Drive.

For more information please contact Barb Campbell,
Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | 708.352.2383

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you ready to roar? Head out on an African adventure and create a stampede of fun at this year's vacation bible school (VBS). Experience jaw-dropping discoveries and run wild with high energy activities.

VBS runs June 17-21. Sign up today on our website, <https://stcletusparish.com/vbs>



CREDO Movie Night

March 1st



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CREDO Movie Night: *Heaven is for Real*

"This movie is so down-to-earth and supernatural at the same time, that you better buckle up.... Sometimes God sends us little reminders that Heaven is real, and in a way that isn't in literature. Sometimes we are given a message through a four-year-old that can't be explained by science or psychology....This is a close encounter with accountability, and demands a life overhaul. From what I hear, it's all worth it."

- Marya Hayes, <http://catholicmom.com/2014/04/16/>

March 1st at 7 pm in the school kindergarten room (go past the main doors of the parish center and look for the lit up room in the school). We hope you can join us!

CREDO – Continuing Religious Education Opportunities

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Powdered milk
- Canned fish and tuna
- Baby wipes
- \$10 Walmart cards
(distributed at our April food pantry nights for Easter)

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).



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

Did you know? Our pantry service area covers ALL of the 18 municipalities in Lyons Township! This includes: Bedford Park, Bridgeview, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Countryside, Hickory Hills, Hinsdale, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, Justice, LaGrange, LaGrange Highlands, Lyons, McCook, Riverside, Summit, Western Springs, and Willow Springs. Most pantries cover just 2-4 towns or zip codes.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury and death for women of all socioeconomic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, and affects up to 1 in 10 men and 1 in 3 teens. We invite you to join us to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with all those affected by violence.

Note that these are intended for adult readers. All names have been changed for protection.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AFTER DOMESTIC ABUSE

by Rachel Madson Zarling blog.marykayfoundation.org

1. Breathe. Take 30 seconds a day for deep breathing. Start by taking a deep, slow breath in through your nose lasting five or six seconds. Then breathe out slowly through your mouth for about seven seconds. Breathing is an important part of your health, and it may feel like you haven't breathed for the duration of your relationship. It's as if you held your breath waiting for the next fight, the next rage, the other shoe to drop. It's OK. You can breathe. You can heal. Your life can now begin again.

2. No Contact. This is one of the biggest components of healing yourself. Abusers can be like drugs. So don't tempt yourself to use. After months of no contact, the fog will slowly lift. You will begin to see your inner strength — the you that was there all along. And you will begin to see the darkness of your abuser. If you have children with the abuser, and share custody of children, you can ask a trusted family member or friend to pick up the children at a drop off point. I know this will be more difficult, but it's better in the long run.

3. Talk. If your finances allow, I highly recommend professional counseling. Take advantage of free services provided by local and national domestic violence organizations. Many can refer you to counselors in your area who work on a sliding fee scale. You can also use these organizations to find therapy groups specializing in domestic violence. You can also find online forums and support groups. These are a great way to connect with others without leaving the comfort of your home. Of course, talk to trusted friends and family members.

What you went through was not normal and being validated by people you trust or grow to trust is an important part of healing. And when you don't process your pain, you leave yourself open to a host of physical and mental health issues.

(Added: Pillars Community Health is our local resource that offers free DV counseling for you and your children. At St. Cletus we also host a monthly Support Group we would welcome you to join.)



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

4. Find self-care activities that work for you.

Here are some of the things that I've found helpful:

- Write five things you're thankful for every night.
- Pray.
- Exercise.
- Write.
- Cook.
- Read.
- Get a massage.

Anything you can do to kick your endorphins up and express the deep pain you have held in for so long. Don't be afraid to try new things. After I left my abusive relationship I took up kickboxing and jujitsu. I only lasted six months, but I got in great shape while I channeled my anger.

5. Educate yourself. Take advantage of free resources online. Learn the cycles of abuse. Become familiar with the patterns and tactics of abusers. Understand the power and control wheel. Once you educate yourself, you can teach those around you. If you have children, it's critical that you educate them.

Knowledge is power. The more you learn about yourself and abuse, the more control you will gain.

If you're still in an abusive relationship, we believe in you just as much. We also know that you will leave if and when you are ready. You are the expert of your own life and will control when and how you will leave. Please consider using resources like the National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233 (SAFE) to safely plan and choose the path that is best for you. ~Rachel Madson Zarling

General Contact Information

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

You are not alone.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Organizing Your Job Search - Join us on Thursday, February 21 when our speaker, Steve Rosenblum, will discuss the process of a job search. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is still a process. One of the most important parts of successfully making it through a search is to STAY ORGANIZED. This lively, interactive and informative presentation will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead and succeed in your search. Steve will also share many of his learnings, experiences and best practices, while encouraging others to do the same. We hope to see you at St. John of the

Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. *Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further info, please visit: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.*

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 March 9-10. All ages are welcome. To sign up visit <http://bit.ly/2MO1OKC> to view slots and sign up.

WORD OF LIFE



“Called to serve the people and the common good, [civil leaders] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 90.

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RESPECT LIFE

FROM: USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

DATE: February 5, 2019

WASHINGTON--Two nights ago, the Senate failed to adopt by unanimous consent the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act-legislation that would ensure that a child born alive following an abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement in response: "Last night, the United States Senate had an opportunity to unanimously declare to the nation that infanticide is objectively wrong. That they failed to do so is unconscionable. No newborn should be left to suffer or die without medical care. It is barbaric and merciless to leave these vulnerable infants without any care or rights. Congress must take up and pass this bill and ensure that the legacy of *Roe v. Wade* does not extend itself from killing unborn children to killing newborn babies."

The Archbishop also sent a letter to the U.S. Senate today urging the body to bring the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to the floor for a vote and to pass it this week. In his letter, Archbishop Naumann asked the Senate to support the "common-sense legislation" that would protect infants who survived abortion attempts.

Other Ministry Notes

THANK YOU FROM MARLENE

Dear Friends at St. Cletus,

Thank you so much for the gift of stamps for the Kolbe House Jail ministry - St Cletus is very special and generous, this year we collected almost \$900 worth of stamps.

The Kolbe House jail ministers all received, as a Christmas gift, a book written by Fr Gregory Boyle - "Tattoos on the Heart" - a great book about Homeboy Industries (Google this and the author) an insight into gang culture and how with support, direction and opportunity even the most troubled homeboy / homegirl can turn his/her life around. I highly recommend it and it's sequel which I just finished "Barking to the choir". All proceeds go to support Homeboy Industries.

Warmest Wishes - Marlene

PS - be prepared to laugh and shed a few tears when you read these books.

YOUTH MINISTRY



KAIROS March 14 – 17, 2019

Registration is ONLINE ONLY, and can be found on the St. Cletus Parish Website, under Youth Ministry.

Be on the lookout for more information about these upcoming youth ministry opportunities:

- 2019 Girls Church League Basketball registration opens in
- Fannie May Candy Fundraiser
- St. Cletus Youth Ministry Week of Service will be July 15th – 20th

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator
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Instagram @stcletus.youthministry

AREA-WIDE ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



St. Francis Xavier Church
124 N. Spring Avenue
La Grange
(Just west of La Grange Rd & Ogden Ave)

Monday nights, for 7 sessions between Feb. 25 and May 9, 2019

Contact Kate DeVries, Pastoral Associate, 708-352-0168 or kdevries@sfxlg.org

St. Francis Xavier Church in La Grange will be hosting an area-wide Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. All Adults (18 and older) are most welcome.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, Feb. 25, March 4, March 18, March 25, April 1, & April 8, in Unity Hall (signs will be posted). Sessions will go from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, with the exception of April 8, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, to attend the Parish Reconciliation Service. The celebration of Confirmation will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church within their Teen celebration, on Thursday, May 9 at 7 pm.

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

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit the

St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST



Save the date for our annual Fall Fest September 5-8, 2019. The headliners on the 2019 St. Cletus Fall Fest stage will be ARRA, Mike and Joe, and Maggie Speaks!

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

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

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

As announced at this weekend's Masses, St. Cletus Parish is starting a new ministry, to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal.

The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. There will be no meetings, no committee. There is no commitment, other than a desire to offer prayer to the Lord for healing in His church - for wisdom, guidance and grace to be bestowed upon our church leaders at all levels.

You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by.

Please join us! We are the church, Christ is our King! The church needs to heal, and healing will come from within – from the everyday folk sat in the pews. Christ said He would never abandon us – it is time to trust in that and ask that He walk with us now and bring healing, forgiveness and dignity to His church.

The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish office and we will send you each offering via the US postal service.

Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630.849.5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

THANK YOU FROM THE ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Thank you to everyone who attended our dueling pianos fundraiser last Friday. Special thanks to our sponsor Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation and our other generous donors who make the Series possible. Thank you to the following local businesses for their donations:

- Adolf Funeral Home and Cremation Services
- Al's Charhouse
- Burger Antics
- Cafe Salsa
- Casey's Market
- Cheesies
- Davanti Enoteca
- Casa Margarita
- Western Springs Fruit Store
- Jamesons
- Linda Hanley of Charles Rutenberg Realty
- LaGrange Theater
- Mangia Mangia
- Mattone
- Old Town Restaurant
- Palmer Place
- Posto 31
- Solstice
- Spot on 66
- Vie

UPCOMING FINE ARTS SERIES CONCERTS:



MAR. 3RD 4 PM
STIRRED,
NOT SHAKEN
A JAZZ TRIO



APR. 28TH 4 PM
A MUSICAL THEATER
REVIEW FROM THE 1940S
TO TODAY WITH
GAYLE BISESI
AND NICK FALCO

A Note from Fr. Ken Baker

My friend, lyric baritone Robert Sims is headed to Lincoln Center to present Masters of the Spiritual. And guess who's going with him to direct his concert. Me! Join us in a send-off celebration of music from Broadway to Spirituals as we get ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER. Tickets are \$35, available at www.kenbakersings.com.



Ken Baker



Robert Sims

KEN BAKER & FRIENDS

Presents

ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER

Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 7pm

St. Cletus Parish Center in Clark Hall
600 W. 55TH St. La Grange, IL

TICKETS \$35 at www.kenbakersings.com



Cynthia Clarey



Beckie Menzie & Tom Michael



TreDiva





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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalms — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

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

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Presidents’ Day

Thursday: St. Peter Damian

Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle; Washington’s Birthday

Saturday: St. Polycarp

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated. —Anonymous

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us. —Anonymous

Note from Deacon Stuart

Sun5thOrdCycleC Homily - Feb 9/10 2019

It's not often that we can connect the First Reading, the Second Reading and the Gospel so obviously as today - so much so that even a Deacon can do it! But today we have that very thing.

In the first reading Isaiah cries out "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips." He believes he is **not worthy** BUT in response to the Lords request he says "**Here I am Lord - send me!**"

In second Reading St Paul explains to the Corinthians how: "he was **not worthy** to be called an apostle because he persecuted the church of God" -, **Christ's church** BUT by God's grace he preach's and testifies to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Then in the Gospel, Peter, a lowly fisherman, begrudgingly goes out to fish again -after a night's fishing without success - and miraculously he and his colleagues catch fish enough to almost sink two boats! Peter's response "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man": He believes he was **not worthy** to even be in Jesus's presence. This was Peter's second encounter with Christ because recently Jesus had healed Peter's mother in law of a severe fever. This helps explain his response - to fall to his knees acknowledging his sinfulness as did the leper, the demoniac, the synagogue leader and the hemorrhaging woman - later in HIS ministry.

As I chatted to Marlene the other night (BTW - she was in the ICU at La Grange Hospital for 4 days but came home Friday feeling very well and thankful for all prayers, kind wishes and e-mails she received). So as we chatted about these scriptures and my observation about the unworthiness link she said "**You should tell them about your unworthiness!**" My initial response was I didn't think parishioners would think it right that I compare myself with the Prophet Isaiah, St. Paul and St. Peter for goodness sake. However as I listened to her - **she is very wise** - I understood her point.

So my story of being unworthy goes back to 2008 as we pursued entry into the Diaconate Formation program. After several months of applications and interviews I sat with the Institute Director for my final interview. It went very well and he said WE would be accepted into the program. He then asked me if I had any questions or concerns. I had only one nagging doubt I said - I'm **not sure I'm worthy** of this opportunity. "**Stuart,**" he said, "**None of us are! - But it is God's grace that affords us the opportunity to serve HIM.**"

You see Marlene's point is this, like Isaiah, St. Paul and St. Peter - we are all sinful human beings BUT **God permits us to see our sins in order to bring about in us - a deeper confidence in his mercy and compassion. But, He then expects us to live and profess that mercy and compassion each and every day of our lives.**

In this regard, the Gospel I just proclaimed is very instructive. Now St. Luke was a great storyteller and writer and he uses the Three commands of Jesus to Peter, in today's gospel passage, as lessons for living our lives. First, we are to" **put out into deep**

water " - move out of the shallows where it's safe - trust Christ who is **next to us** in the boat - and appreciate his presence in our lives. Second, "**Lower our nets for a catch.**" Trust God's direction in our lives, it may not be as we planned, nor wanted, nor expected BUT by faithfully following his direction - we are given graces that enable us - to exceed our capacity or indeed our perceived limits. Third, "**Do not be afraid.**" He is with us always - even as the world questions, our beliefs, our judgements and indeed the very "REAL PRESENCE " of Christ himself in the Eucharist. Which brings me to the **unworthiness** of all of us. In a few minutes before we receive THE EUCHARIST we will all say together. "**LORD I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED.**" In doing so we are all acknowledging our unworthiness, our sinfulness, our humanity but also our Faith in Him - whom we will receive. It is a humble, contrite request and as a result Our Lord God continues to offer us His grace - despite our human failings - just as he did with Isaiah, Paul and Peter. So it's not about our unworthiness so much as God's desire to bestow His Graces upon all who acknowledge such and ask him for them.

So now that we understand the concept of unworthiness and God's grace I'd like to address a subject very close the hearts of Marlene and I - and it is this. This parish is full of people of great faith - I know this for a fact because a lot of you are also BEARS and CUBS fans! **Here at St Cletus we need a few good men to at least consider joining me in the ranks of the Permanent Diaconate.** I'll be 70 next week and I believe it is incumbent of me to encourage the discernment of a vocation to the diaconate from among the many fine men here at St Cletus, (sorry ladies as of now it is still only for men.) BUT any married man interested would need the support of his wife, who would be a key part of the application process, his discernment, formation and of course once ordained - his ministerial life. In four years as - a Senior Deacon - I won't be retiring exactly but I'll be looking to pass on some of my duties here at St. Cletus. Marlene & I would welcome your inquiries and we'd be delighted to accompany any single man or married couples to either of the information sessions that are coming up over the next few months. At this point I would modify the words of a retiring priest who some years ago said: "Who will fill these shoes?" and ask "WHO WILL FILL MY SHOES?" I earnestly ask men of the parish to pray whether God is calling you to this blessed, rewarding and very important ministry within our Parish, Church and Community. I also ask you to pray for Deacons, their wives and widows in the Archdiocese who do so much of God's work humbly, often inconspicuously and with very great faith. Most of the deacons also believed like Isaiah, St Paul, St Peter & I that they too were not worthy. But gentlemen the point is this - It's not about our unworthiness so much as our willingness to hear God's call and to accept his Graces. I Pray that God will stir a desire for the diaconal ministry in some hearts here present.

May God bestow his blessings on all present, as unworthy as we might be!!

Community Bulletin Board (continued)

JOYFUL AGAIN



Widowed and feeling stuck? Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women March 9-10. (Incl. overnight) at the Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont and March 30 & 31 at the Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines. To register call: 708-354-7211, e-mail joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

LEGACY GUILD



Legacy Guild Fundraiser for local students who have lost a parent on Saturday, February 23 - 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. 23, at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2019 is a rockin' evening featuring a live band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from La Grange. The Legacy Guild has provided almost \$700,000 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Current Legacy Guild Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship renewable for up to four years of college. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.TheLegacyGuild.com. Contact Ryan Williamson with any questions at 312.714.7665 or by email at ryan.williamson@lpl.com.

ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

Spend a weekend with Adrian Dominican Sisters for "A Time to Come and See for Yourself"
March 1-3, 2019 • Adrian, Michigan
For women ages 25-35:

- Meet other women discerning God's call.
- Join the Adrian Dominican Sisters for Sunday Liturgy.
- Have time for prayer, reflection, silence, sharing, and fun.
- Learn about the life of a Sister and Dominican life.
- Tour the Motherhouse campus and engage in conversation with our Sisters.

NO CHARGE — you are our guests.

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>

LOCATION: Weber Retreat & Conference Center
1257 East Siena Heights Dr. Adrian, Michigan 49221
MORE INFORMATION: Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP
tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org | 517.920.1395 (call or text)

SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

The Suburban Catholic Social Group (SCSG) is welcoming new members. We are a Catholic faith based group for ages 40's and up meeting monthly for social and spiritual activities. We have been together for 10 years, creating great friendships along the way.

Our events include dinner and a movie, bowling, hiking,

attending mass and lunch together, Stations of the Cross, service events and much more! We welcome any and all ideas!

For more information or questions about our group, you can find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/suburbancatholicsingles> or email scsgillinois@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

COSSITT CLOTHING SALE

Cossitt School will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 9th, from 8am – 1pm. SELL! We make it easy to sell your gently used children's clothing and merchandise – from coats to costumes, cribs and cleats, shoes and more. You keep 60% of the sale price. BUY! Find amazing deals on gently used spring and summer items from infant to size 16. Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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

Deepening Our Understanding of Dreams – Part 2

Thursday, Feb. 28, 10-11:30 AM. Facilitator: Ann Letourneau, Psy.D, CSJ Cost: \$20 (Attendance at Part 1 is not required.)

New Year, New Church?

NEW DATE! Thursday, Feb. 28, 7-8:30 PM. Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ Cost: \$20

Moving Through the Energy of Grief

Saturday, March 2, 9-11:30 AM. Facilitator: JoAnne Scullin Cost: \$25

The Journey Back to Your Beautiful Heart

Friday Presentation, March 8, 7-8:30 PM

Saturday Workshop, March 9, 9:30 AM -3 PM

Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin

Cost: Friday and Saturday \$100; Friday Presentation alone \$30; Saturday Workshop alone - \$80 (includes lunch)

REFLECT RETREAT

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (northern suburbs) on Feb 22-24, 2019. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Call (630) 222-8303, Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, or reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com.

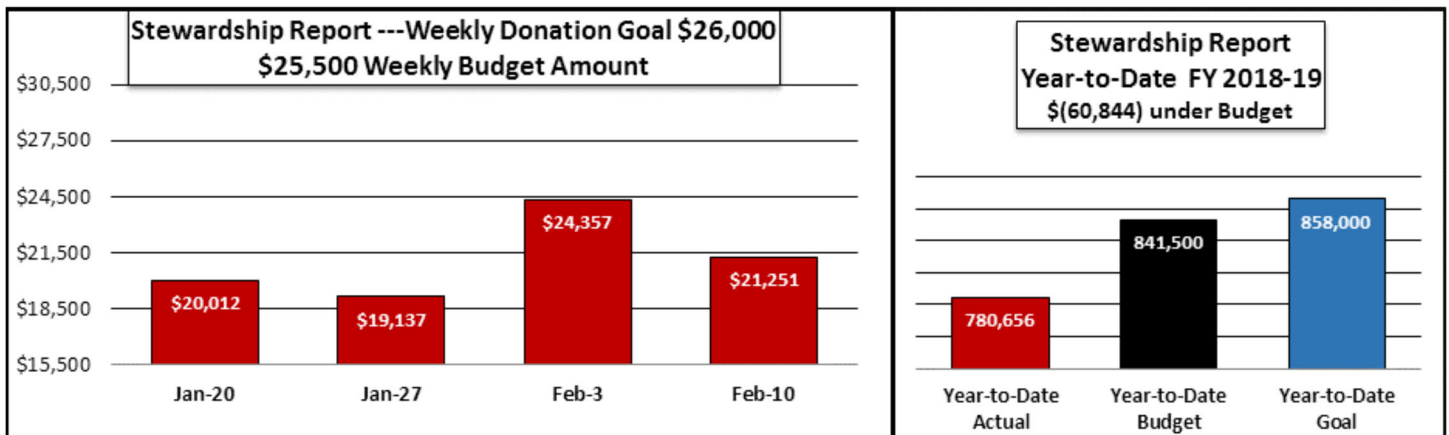
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Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 17			
Monday, February 18			Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, February 19	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Rectory Church	Cardinal College RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, February 20	9:00am 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room PC Gym	Mission Ladies Boys Church League Practice
Thursday, February 21	5:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	School Music Rm Church School Music Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir Rehearsal Confirmation Practice Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys Church League Practice
Friday, February 22			
Saturday, February 23	1:00pm	Church	Confirmation
Sunday, February 24			

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new parish center 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 most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

WEDDINGS

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

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement: We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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