

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

He saved us through the
bath of rebirth and
renewal by the Holy Spirit.
— *Titus 3:5*



JANUARY 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

— Luke 3:16

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 14 - 20, 2019

Day	Presider	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper,
Tuesday	Fr. Clark	9:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, John E. Cooper, Anthony Mataitis
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper, Pat & Kyle O'Connell
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John Rudak
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Matesevac
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Baggio
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Lynn Shevlin, Daniel E. Moore, Gene Wallace, Kenneth Machay
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Patrick O'Connell
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Jane Michalowski, Arlene Skryd
	Fr. Gamboa	9:30 a.m.	Patrick O'Connell, Arlene Skryd
	Fr. Clark	11:00 a.m.	Taylor Johnson, Special Intention - Virginia Gebka, Special Intention - Arturo Olano Sr.
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Eric Lopez-Almeida

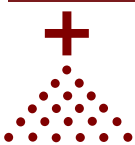
Son of Alfredo and Maria

Renetta Czarny

Mother of Dale Czarny

May they rest in peace. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



Living Our Faith, Building Our Future
The Final Phase

Next weekend, January 19-20, there will be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign: Final Phase. Thank you for your continued generous support.

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

Jason Scott Grah

Son of Nancy Garza & Scott Grah

Everett Michael Knight

Son of Erin Speck & Michael Knight

Landon David Flores

Son of Courtney Curby & Ruben Flores



TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

Marriage Banns



Marjorie Price & Larrie Mack

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.

January - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek

December - Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Gene Gajos, Jim McLamore, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, Rachael Schopp, Dr. James Schuler, Dr. Max Scheyerer, John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski

November - Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley

October - 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.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

One of the most excruciating rites of passage in school life is the choosing of the team. I mean the choosing that takes place in the school yard during recess periods, the selection done by our peers. The two generally accepted best players (or strongest characters) agree to pick sides. Then it is a matter of: "I'll have him" or "We'll have her" until everyone belongs to one team or the other. This simple logic is in itself humiliating for those not chosen till last, but the humiliation is increased by the bargaining and discussion that accompanies the ritual. Attempts are usually made by friends of weaker players to get them on to their side. When such loyalty is successful, the gratitude and joy of the recipient is unbounded. Where such attempts are dismissed out of hand, the anguish of the rejected player is doubled, as not even the ties of friendship can cover such exposure and scorn. Some pretend to be above such matters, indifferent as to whether they are chosen or not, idly kicking pebbles while yet desperately hoping to be noticed and bursting with joy when their seeming nonchalance is rewarded. It is the unfortunate fate of the least well endowed that they are usually also the most vociferous of applicants and so draw even more attention to their failure. They wear their hearts on their sleeves, and their subsequent suffering is as evident as it is inevitable.

Each evangelist treats John the Baptist in a subtly different way. For Luke he is the one who raises expectations of the Messiah through his baptism of repentance. John is quite clear as to the limitations of his powers. His baptism is but a cleansing one of water. The one who is to follow him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. It sounds as though he expects someone who will be even more judgmental than himself. The Spirit would then mean the gift for those who respond whereas the fire would be the judgment on those who resist. In Christian thinking, the theme of fire is also linked with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost in the form of tongues of flame. If the waters of baptism cleanse, the baptism by fire evokes an even more challenging image of purifying flame and inspiration. Luke then sets the baptism of Jesus himself against a background of personal prayer and divine revelation. Throughout his gospel, before any momentous decision or course of action, Jesus will be found at prayer. At the beginning of the public life of Jesus we are witnessing a new creation, the new and universal covenant between God and his creation that will be taken forward into the ages to come by the Church founded on

the apostles.

This moment is sealed by God's own declaration. Jesus is the Son, the Beloved, the one on whom God's favor rests.

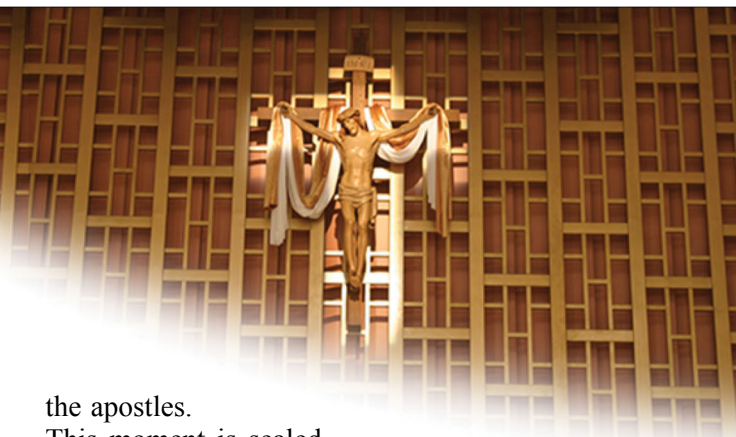
Through our baptism, we accept the same challenge that Jesus accepted. We take on the responsibility of bringing the good news of the kingdom to all we meet. However, there is the same recognition that we do not do this by our own powers. We become part of the unfolding of the covenant that is still and always will be under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The voice that addressed Jesus as his beloved addresses us in the same terms. We do not have to worry about whether we are going to make the team or not. Through baptism we are all swept up into the cosmic pageant that is the breaking in of God's kingdom. How we discover and how we play out our individual roles in this pageant comes both from decisions taken by the community and from our own inspiration and skills. If we take Jesus as our model, then our main aim will be to let all this happen under the umbrella of prayer. Our human patterns of behavior, even when creating teams, can tend to isolate and undervalue. God's way of behaving is to enfold us in his full embrace. The statement that his favor rests on us, his beloved, is to make it clear to us that we work and flourish under his loving power, his grace, and that the cement of this activity is our prayerful relationship with him. Without him we are nothing, with him we move mountains.

Blessings of Your Baptism Be With You,

Fr. Bob

***Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor***



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

January 18 Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night
 January 27 Catholic Schools Week Open House
 March 30 Spring Auction

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 SCHOOL 1ST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

7TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS

Arias, Christian Carlos
 Banos, Molly Anne
 Butney, Morgan Riley
 Capiak, Robert Sean
 Cranny, Shannon Mary
 Dorchinecz, Annaliese Mary
 Foley, June Catherine
 Grzybicki, Kaj
 Kapusta, Gabriela Marie
 Klancir, JoLi Xin Qiao
 Ludden, Julia Jana
 Mariano, Amelia A
 McGuire, Michael Thomas
 Rus, Alenka Antoinette
 Schuler, Abigail Grace

7TH GRADE

HONORS

Becker, Juliet Joy
 Lathrop, Emily Jean-Yuya
 Llerenas, Adrian
 Madaras, Evie Capri
 Mulcrone, Quinn Patrick
 Olano, Sophia Elizabeth
 Pokay, Victoria Iris
 Ramicone, Colleen Ann
 Wolongiewicz, Brianna Maria

8TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS

Elisabeth Braun
 Ava Calderon
 Gabriella Estrada
 Serena Garza
 Kevin Jacobs
 Grace Koziol
 Kathryn Lazich
 Jack Magee
 Lauren Schinker
 Kaelyn Sloan
 William Wangard

8TH GRADE

HONORS

Jenna Battista
 Molly Burke
 Natalia Caron
 Samantha Chopp
 Ryan Clifford
 Anne Petrak
 Maureen Staelgraeve

All are invited to join us
 Sunday, January 27th for our
 Catholic Schools Week

Open House

Join us to talk with teachers and
 administrators, and discover
 why St. Cletus School is the
 right choice for your family!



**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, January 14th.

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).



St. Cletus School

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St. Cletus School is a national Blue Ribbon school, recognized by the U. S. Department of Education in 2014. St. Cletus School is also a Red Ribbon school, recognized by the Nationwide Red Ribbon Certified Schools Program in 2018 for our efforts to keep our students safe, healthy, and drug-free. Its elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, the State of Illinois Learning Standards, and benchmarks established by the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to our 1st-8th grade program with an average classroom size of 21 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old half and full-day preschool, as well as half and full-day kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Student Council, scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- ◆ Applications are now being accepted for new students for the 2019-20 school year.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Open House is Sunday, January 27, 2019. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the education building next door to Church from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us to tour the school and meet our faculty, staff, and school families!

Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Chinske
Principal

Christy Schaefer
Assistant Principal



FAITH FAMILY *FUTURE*



Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Snacks (chips, cookies, etc.)

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).

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer slots are now available for January-March at Food Pantry Distribution nights. Volunteers are needed from 5:30-8:30pm in the Rectory Basement to help clients shop, distribute items, and assist in carrying items to vehicles. These opportunities are generally geared towards middle school-adult. To view openings and sign up visit: <https://bit.ly/2s5Hdbj>

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 THANKS

We have so many individuals, families, and groups to thank for remembering us in their Holiday and end-of-year giving!

- Village Potters donated \$1,000 to our food pantry as part of their 2018 Empty Bowls Fundraiser. For more information about this great local business visit: www.villagepotters.com.
- Township of Lyons General Assistance Fund \$1,000
- CROP Walk through Church World Service \$1,131.91
- Our local Knights of Columbus \$100
- CSA Fraternal Life Brookfield Lodge #475 contributed 27 volunteer hours and \$390.08
- Boy Scouts Pack 216 of LaGrange Highlands \$508.66
- St. Cletus School for their Christmas Food Drive and their collection of \$736.27
- Pleasantdale Student Council for their food drive

Thank you all! We could not do this without you!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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 at 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.

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 box below. *You are not alone.*

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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STRENGTH INSIDE YOU
I HEAR YOU I BELIEVE YOU
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT
A CHILD IS NEVER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF AN ADULT
IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO STOP IT
YOU HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES THAT OTHER CHILDREN NEVER HAD TO
YOU HAVE A SPECIAL STRENGTH INSIDE YOU I BELIEVE YOU

WORD OF LIFE



“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others.”

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

CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE



UNIQUE FROM DAY ONE
March For Life Chicago
January 13, 2019
2:00 - 4:00pm
Location: Federal Plaza

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

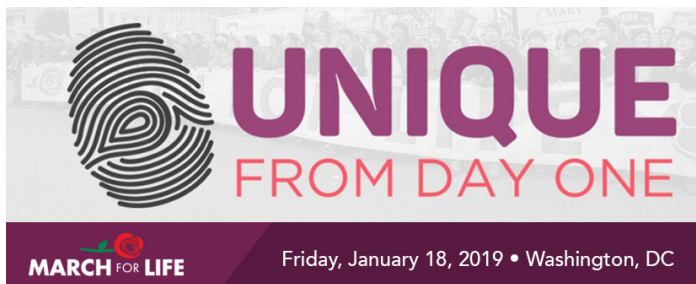
Pilgrimage Send Off at St. Cletus

6 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center

Join us in welcoming and sending off those participating in the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to join the National March for Life!

Washington, DC March for Life

The World's Largest Pro-life Event will be Friday, January 18, 2019 at the National Mall. For details on related events, see <http://marchforlife.org>.



BEDS PLUS

Become a Volunteer - What does four hours a month mean to you? To a person in need, it can mean the world. BEDS is in need of volunteers. Your contribution can make a difference in the lives of homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Sign up on line www.beds-plus.org or contact volunteer@beds-plus.org, or call 708-354-0858 ext. 113

7th Annual Soup & Bread Event - Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 3-7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets | 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside. Live music • Craft beers • Local Food. Tickets are available online. For more info call 708-354-0858 x105. www.beds-plus.org.



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Winter 2019 Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 1

Join us on Tuesday, January 15, from 7-9 pm for the first of a 5-week workshop at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Week 1 will kick off with an overview of the State of the Job Market. Keynote speaker, Heather Davis, will share her success story in re-entering the workforce after a lengthy absence and Dr. Joe Yount will deliver a special presentation on building self-confidence for your career search. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of this training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

How to Use the Internet to Find Your Next Opportunity

Are you tired of applying to job postings and not getting any response? Join us on Thursday, January 17 from 7-9 pm and learn how to stop doing that time consuming chore that gets very little results and instead, do what will get you noticed by recruiters and hiring managers. We will explore ways to find contact information as well as other tools to network your way into your next opportunity. Our speaker, Kevin Crews, has over 25 years of experience as a recruiter and over 15 years as a career coach. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Rd, Western Springs.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

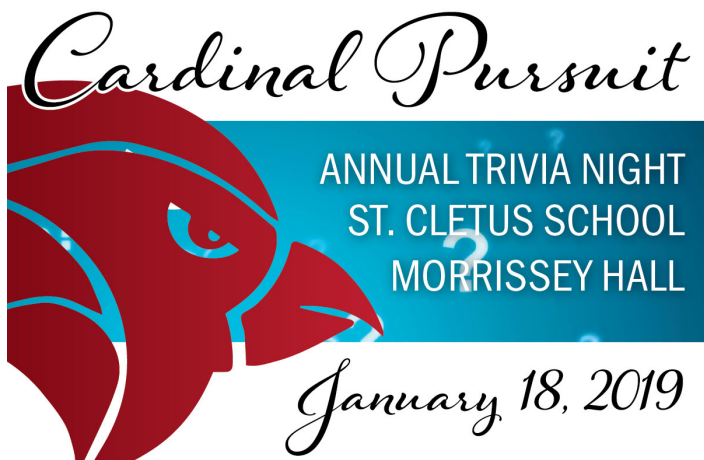
9 DAYS FOR LIFE



9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up.

Other Ministry Notes

CARDINAL PURSUIT TRIVIA NIGHT



Join us for our Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night on Friday, January 18th in Morrissey Hall. Doors open at 7:00. Event starts at 7:30.

Participants are encouraged to form adult teams of 8-10 players to compete against other members of the St. Cletus community. The cost is \$20 per person, payable at the door. Teams provide their own food and beverages. All are welcome!

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside

\$75 per person includes food, entertainment, live & silent auctions!

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Spring Auction, to take place on Saturday, March 30 at Capri Banquets on Joliet Road. 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 and we hope to see you on March 30th!



MISSION LADIES

Mission Ladies are proud to announce of making and giving 555 items to our local charities for the children in the area.

Mission Ladies started up after a month of hiatus on Wednesday Jan. 9th, 2019. I sincerely hope our Mission Ladies had a wonderful both Christmas and New Years Day and the time in between.

We are still in need of both Cotton and Eyelet fabric, plus yarn of all colors. Also, we welcome any new comers - young or not so young. No experience is needed. We work and socialize at the same time and we do have fun doing both.

Please feel free join us on Wednesdays between 9a.m.until 11:30a.m.

Thank you for all who have donated in someway with something - it is well appreciated.

For further information - do not hesitate to contact me, Dolores Scaletta (708-839-9605)

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 adme@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.)

MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL



Come and join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Blessings, Fr. Lorenzo

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.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH THE ROSARY

This Sunday at 12:15 p.m. the Living Rosary will pray the entire rosary in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Even though this is late notice, we hope that you will join us for at least part of this celebration of Mary's role in Christ's life and God's plan for our salvation. Or join in the Rosary every morning at 7:40 or after the 11:00 Mass each Sunday. Mary is waiting.

An ongoing thank you to everyone who contributes rosaries, medals or pamphlets. Almost every weekend, there are new donations to redistribute at the upcoming Rosary Table in May. What a wonderful way to celebrate and share your devotion to our Blessed Mother. God bless you all.

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

Gina Campa & Jesus Garcia Family

Linda & Taso Garbis

Katya & Robert Desmond

Terry Stanek & William Sepke

Diana Ventura

Cheri & Tim Wilborn

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



Church Women United La Grange/Western Springs in conjunction with the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women, will host it's annual meeting/brunch here at St. Cletus (Gallagher room/Parish Center) on Friday, January 18th. Registration is at 9:15; breakfast will begin at 9:30. Speaker will be Lana Blitstein, Domestic Violence Community Outreach Advocate, from Pillars Community Health speaking on "Healing, Caring, Educating" relative to the Constance Morris House located in La Grange. Cost is \$7.00 and advance reservations (by Monday, January 14th) are required. Guests are requested to bring any of the following items to the brunch: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hats, socks, or gloves. For more information or to reserve your space call Karen Ziemba, 708-710-0644 or email: kziemba@stcletusparish.com

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual fundraiser for the Fine Arts Series on Friday, February 8th in the St. Cletus Parish Center. This year Andrew and Tony are back with dueling pianos. RSVP at www.edwardfas.com. You don't want to miss this!

JOIN THE ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY

The St. Cletus Music Ministry is blessed to offer so many opportunities to those who enjoy using their God-given musical talents! We invite you to join one of our choirs; no previous experience or music-reading skill required – only a desire to sing praise to the Lord!

Our **Chancel Choir** sings regularly at the 9:30 a.m. mass; rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. each Thursday. This group focuses more on traditional hymns and classic choral pieces.

Our **Contemporary Choir** sings approximately two times per month at the Saturday, 5 p.m. mass; rehearsals are held immediately prior to the mass at 4 p.m. with occasional additional rehearsals as needed. This group, with singers, drums and flute, focuses on a more contemporary sound.

Our **Teen Choir** sings approximately twice per month at the Saturday, 5 p.m. mass with an occasional appearance at the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday morning. Rehearsals are at generally 4 p.m. on Saturday before Mass. High school students will enjoy singing more contemporary music; additional instrumentalists would also be welcomed.

Our **Youth Choirs** are open to all boys and girls, grades 3rd through 8th, attending either a public school or St. Cletus School. These choirs generally sing at the Sunday, 11 a.m. mass approximately 1-2 times per month and also participate with the other adult choirs in several special masses throughout the year. Youth Choirs:

- **Junior Choir** is open to students in grades 5-8. Rehearsals are held Mondays from 4-5 p.m.
- **Children's Choir** is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.

Our Good Shepherd Choir is part of the St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry. This choir provides music for funerals and memorial services. Volunteers do NOT have to be available every day of the week.

For more information please contact: Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministry: kziemba@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5423. Please, come sing with us!

*"To sing is to pray twice."
- St. Augustine*

St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

NEXT MEETING THIS TUESDAY

- Date:** Tuesday
January 15, 2019
- Time:** 7:00 p.m. Hospitality
7:30 p.m. Meeting full of fun & surprises
- Place:** St. Cletus Parish Center
Gallagher Room

Join us Tuesday, Jan. 15th at our meeting to celebrate the 2nd birthday of the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women! All women are welcome!

In addition to celebrating our 2nd Anniversary, we will be discussing how we can attract more women, make our organization more meaningful and who will step-up to board positions which are being vacated!

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



Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



DUELING PIANOS IN THE PARISH CENTER

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

RSVP ON ONLINE:
www.edwardfas.com

FEATURING:
TONY KIDONAKIS
ALEX BLENDERMANN

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





JANUARY 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering Magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Thursday: St. Anthony

Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);
Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John’s Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since “today there is a blessing on the water.” At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

—Daniel Webster

Community Bulletin Board

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)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Hitzeman Funeral Home welcomes you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. These groups are intended to be social in nature where we can express our support with others that are experiencing the same feelings. Please join us for "Grief 101: Is This Normal?" For more info please visit www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

**Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield
6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Seats are limited; please R.S.V.P. by February 8, 2019 to info@hitzemanfuneral.com or 708-485-2000. We appreciate your continued trust in Hitzeman Funeral Home and we hope that you will be able to join us. Refreshments will follow.

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. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com,

E-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL To register online and see complete list of our new 2019 Programs: www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048

Incarnation Book Study: Conversation and Contemplation Thursdays 1-2:30 PM begins Jan. 24, Facilitator Diane Pfahler, SND or Fridays 9-11:00 AM begins Jan. 18, Facilitator Bridget Sperduto (in River Forest) - Diarmuid O'Murchu's latest book "Incarnation: A New Evolutionary Threshold" shows how all forms of embodiment - from bacteria to the stars, from our children to strangers - evidence a God who loves bodies. Cost: \$165 or \$18/session.

Growing Your Knowing | Thursday, Jan. 24, 9:30 – Noon Facilitator: Tim Sperduto - We send and receive communication all the time, on all levels, whether we are aware of it or not. How can we tap into and cultivate our innate abilities to know, to see clearly, to hear clearly, to intuit, to feel, to empathize, to sense, to be still? Cost: \$20

ST. BARBARA'S PARISH

St. Barbara Parish in Brookfield is hosting its 2nd Annual Multicultural Taste of St. Barbara on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 6pm to 9pm in the Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield. This is a family-friendly event so admission is FREE and food and drink tickets will be available at the door. There will be raffle of beautiful baskets during the evening and attendees will have a chance to vote on their favorite food and booth. Come and sample foods from Colombia, Philippines, Spain, Italy, Ireland and more at this memorable event and help support the ministries of St. Barbara.

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.

5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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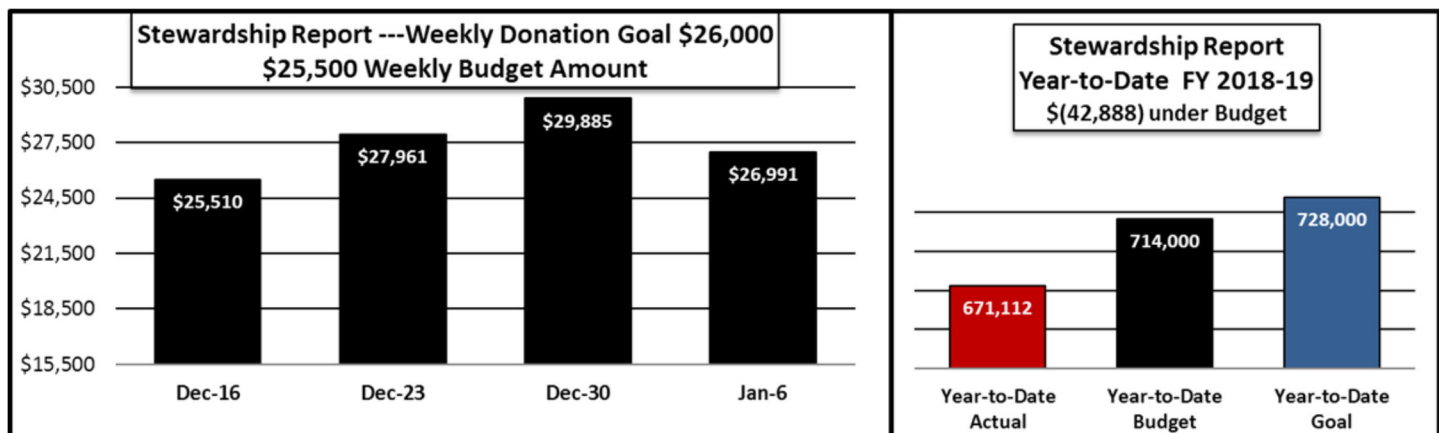
Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!

Sponsors at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 13	12:15pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Living Rosary Group
Monday, January 14	8:00pm	PC Gym	Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 15	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Rectory Basement Church	Council of Catholic Women Meeting RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, January 16	9:00am 6:00pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room PC Gym PC Gym	Mission Ladies Archdiocesan Rally to DC Boys Church League Practice
Thursday, January 17	5:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	School Music Rm School Music Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys Church League Practice
Friday, January 18	7:00pm	Morrissey Hall	Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night
Saturday, January 19	5:00pm	PC Gym	Boys Church League Games
Sunday, January 20			

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 2018 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 # _____

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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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