



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Confirmandi

Saturday, March 4, 2017

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Mass Intentions for the Week of March 6 - March 12, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Pat Jacobs
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Vieceli
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Jane Schafer, Bronislawa Pabin, Ann & Felix Zaczek, Sixta DeArdila
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Josephy Ulifig
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Marcella Sullivan Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Candace A. Flaherty, Lillian & Jack Haumann, Chester Yobe
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark Fr. Sanchez	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Parents of Alicja Ghera, Thomas Wolak, Patrick Mahoney, Matthew Kennedy, John & Frances Kennedy Frank Wofcik, Riccardone Family, Calandriello Family, Albert & Agnes Hinton St. Cletus Parishioners Ken Herzog, Amparo Silva, Gene Kennedy, John Husich, Rita Brannigan, Julio Battistoni Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, March 4-5, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses

or in the rectory during business hours.

ENCOUNTER INNOVATION

Pick up your rice bowl after masses this weekend. Please see page 10 where we encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent?



NO WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING MASS

Due to lack of attendance there will be no Wednesday Lenten Evening Masses. Please page 11 for a list of other Worship Opportunities offered at St. Cletus Parish.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

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

Dorothy "Pat" Jacobs

Mother of John Jacobs

May she 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.

March

Jennie Ficaro, Ann Smith Walls

February

Joy Wettstein, Susan Star, Ernie and Katarina Dufner

January

Cynthia Cozen, Gerda Dorso, Jack Falsey, Gail Saban, Dr. Brigitta Sonnenkalb, Robert Stoinski, Amber Taylor, Catherine Troyner, and Jenna Zimmerman, Ernest Dufner, Frannie Grybis, and Theresa Cimaglia, Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydel, Adriana Pecheo, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecheo, Fernando Cabral, Maria Cabral, Kim Zwolinski, Jean Weekley, Glen Peters, Nick Lodato, Patricia Krieger, and John Duda

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The newspapers are full of medical advice. We are told that too much fatty food leads to heart disease. We receive contradictory messages about the positive and negative effects of red wine or fizzy drinks. Many people try to watch their diet, eat five portions of vegetables or fruit each day, and do more exercise. People run with monitors attached to their wrist or use their phone to keep account of exercise, distance travelled, altitude climbed and their changing heart rate. Monitoring our physical health has become a full-time preoccupation and a growing industry. We know that when arteries become blocked, blood flow decreases and poor health follows.

Lent, in contrast, invites to focus our spiritual lives and keep track of the spiritual well-being of our heart. We can become more aware of the ways in which we are selfish, stubborn and concerned about ourselves rather than others. It is a time when we can learn how we are tempted and recognize that we sometimes feel unhappy and ashamed as a result of those petty, sinful ways that we tend to return to again and again.

The story of the Fall, which we heard in today's first reading, endlessly fascinates us because it is also the story of Everyman and Everywoman, of each one of us. At some points in our life we all face the possibility of a fall when we are tempted to "be like gods". It may occur through the betrayal of a person we love, through a lie that has serious effects, or a business practice that destroys other people for the advancement of our own career or for the sake of profit. Then we are like our first parents, Adam and Eve, who chose to go against God and to be satisfied by eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The story tells us that the serpent tempts Eve, who then tempts Adam. Both wish to be like gods and choose for themselves. The effects of sin bring about the downfall of others. The results are disastrous; the relationship with God is broken, their own relationship is damaged and they feel shame. They find it hard to look at each other. They will be expelled from the Garden of Eden, and will need to work for their living and experience the suffering of hard labor and toil.

Remarkably God does not forget them and is abundantly merciful to them, because God wants them to find a way back into God's love. In an ancient legend, Adam and Eve's third son, Seth, later returns to the gates of the garden and asks God's angel to help them. The angel gives Seth some seeds, one of which he places in the mouth of Adam as he lies dying. From this seed God will



bring about the new Adam, Christ, who will be born of the Virgin Mary. He will be tempted but will conquer the devil. We receive the hope that we can do the same with God's grace. God is always planting new seeds in our hearts. The Lord forgives us when we return to him in the sacrament of reconciliation and our hearts are cleansed.

Lent is about the expansion of the heart so that it becomes more loving and generous. Just as the heart muscle benefits from exercise, so our spiritual heart benefits from Lenten observances and practices.

First, prayer opens the heart and helps us to listen to God's word. When we allow the word to echo in our hearts and to penetrate down into its depths, it will help us to grow in knowledge of God's mercy and love. Second, the invitation to fast expands our hearts so that we become more aware of the ways that we so often focus on satisfying our own needs and desires rather than being willing to open our hearts to our neighbor. Fasting can make us more grateful for what we have received and more generous to others in their need. Third, we can develop our Lenten exercises by giving to others, especially through almsgiving and charitable works. This exercise helps us to focus on the needs of our neighbor. By the end of Lent, with plenty of exercise, our spiritual heart will be in better shape and more ready to resist temptation and place its trust in God.

Lenten Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Bob
Pastor

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome Wednesday Open House March 8 & 15
 Welcome Wednesday Evening Session..... March 29
 St. Cletus Spring Auction April 1

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



Exploring Senses in Kindergarten

Our fifth-graders applied their knowledge of physics and structural engineering in the Science lab recently. Students partnered up and were then given the challenge of designing a sail car that would travel as far as possible. Each team was given the same body and wheels so the only variable they could manipulate was the sail. For the sails they could choose between tissue paper, note cards, construction paper, wax paper or silver foil.

Engineering Sail Cars

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Welcome Wednesdays

PLEASE JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE OUR
 PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

Morning Sessions:

March 8th and 15th
 Drop in between 8 - 10 a.m.

Evening Session:

March 29th
 Drop in between 6 - 7p.m.

Need an Alternate Time?

Contact our school office to
 schedule a tour at 708-352-4820

Park on 54th Street and enter our early childhood wing via Door #6 between the church and school. If you have any questions call 708-352-4820 for more information.



BRING ON THE MADNESS



Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Capri Banquets

6240 Joliet Road, Countryside

5:00 -11:00 pm

5:00 pm Tip-Off & Cash Bar

6:30 pm Open Bar—Beer & Wine

10:30 Checkout & Cash Bar Begins

\$75 per person

DJ, Food, Wine & Raffles

Watch the Final Four on a Giant Screen!

Wondering what you will find to bid on at the Auction this year?

Here's a sneak peak of what's in store!

For the Sports Lovers...

- 4 tickets to see the Bulls play Orlando Magic!
- 4 FRONT ROW football tickets to see the Wisconsin Badgers play Purdue!
- Tickets to see the World Series Champs: CUBS play!

For the Sun Lovers...

- One week vacation on Hilton Head Island, SC PLUS a \$500 Southwest Gift Card!
- Getaway long weekend to Naples, FL!

For the Food & Wine Lovers...

- Private mass with Fr. Bob followed by a gourmet dinner for 10 guests!
- Private Wine Tasting for 6!

Instant Wine Cellar Raffle

We need your help building the St. Cletus Wine Cellar for the Instant Wine Cellar Raffle. We will be selling corks for \$50 per cork. The winner will receive 50 bottles of fine wine valued at over \$1,200!

We are requesting donations of bottles of wine (red or white) with a price tag of \$25 and up. Wine donations may be dropped off at the St. Cletus School Office. Don't have time to shop? No problem. We are also accepting monetary donations and will purchase the wine on your behalf. Please send donations to the school office in an envelope marked "Wine Raffle". Please include your name and mailing address with your donation.

Please contact us with any questions at (773)562-1104.

Thank you - Scott and Stacey Aulinskis



Visit auction.stcletusschool.com for more information and to Purchase Tickets!

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers (size 5 & 6)
- Pasta sauce
- Diced tomatoes
- Spaghetti
- Rice (2 or 3 lb. bags)

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.



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

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

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

You are not alone.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Pick up your CRS Rice Bowls after all Masses this weekend!

Encounter Innovation

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Priyanka Baliar Singh (age 12) with her mother, Megharani (Megha) Baliar Singh, as she cooks outdoors.



Photo by Jennifer Hardy/Catholic Relief Services

The Singh family lives in Deipur Village in Block Kanas, Puri district, Odisha state in Eastern India. They receive assistance through CRS' Community-Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) program. CBPD provides a range of disaster preparedness and resilience interventions, such as livestock vaccinations, improved varieties of rice that can withstand flooding, kitchen gardens, bag gardens and nutrition education. All of these interventions help the family withstand natural disasters and personal crises, and often allows them to save money for other family needs.

The 3 goals of CBPD are 1) preparedness, 2) mitigating agriculture and livestock losses, and 3) early recovery, which includes kitchen gardens because they're fast growing.

CRS runs CBPD in partnership with the Society for Women Action Development (SWAD) and also received technical assistance from the Central Rice Research Institute. CBPD receives funding from the COFRA Foundation in Europe.

SOUP & TAIZÉ



We invite you to share a Lenten evening of food, faith, and fellowship on Friday, March 10th from 6:00-6:50pm (Morrissey Hall) followed by Taizé Prayer at 7:00pm (Church). Please RSVP to Kendall 708.215.5418 or email kgrant@stcletusparish.com.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL



You are invited to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor Benefit" at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace on Sunday, April 30, 2017, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Net proceeds to support programs and services to help those in need throughout Cook and Lake counties. Together...we make a difference!

During the 2017 "Friend of the Poor" Benefit for Chicago -SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2017 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value). Raffle Tickets \$25 Each.



Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 30, 2017 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 to the event or raffle tickets please visit: www.svdpbenefit.org

CHALLENGES IN THE HOLY LAND TODAY AND WHY IT MATTERS



Mondays March 6, 13, and 20 at 7pm

March 6: "Out of Zionism and Toward Justice: My Awakening as a Jew" Rebekah Levin

Rebekah Levin was raised in a Zionist home, and worked as a religious school and Hebrew teacher in Reform and Conservative Synagogues. Following college, she worked in Israel for Prime Minister Begin's Office on the Status of Women, and worked for Member of Knesset Shulamit Aloni, researching issues of Palestinian human rights in the West Bank. Rebekah will talk with us about her path from being a Jew whose identity was based on a tribal Zionism to becoming focused on human rights and activism. She will facilitate a discussion about our own identities and relationship to Israel and Jews.

Grace Lutheran Church 200 N Catherine, LaGrange, Bernard Lounge 708.352.0730 www.gracelutheran-lg.org

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Job Search Boot Camp - Last Week

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, March 7, 7-9 pm at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. For our final Boot Camp session, a panel of HR professionals will provide phone and onsite interviewing techniques to help you get the job you want. They will answer any and all questions about the process. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqedler@aol.com).

First 100 Days of Your Job Search

Looking to change jobs? Find yourself in transition? Join us on Thursday, March 16, 7-9 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Our speaker, Michelle Nacker, former ICN job seeker and current Product Management professional, will detail key actions you can take from day 1 to day 100 and beyond. Michelle speaks from her heart because she knows what transition is like emotionally and professionally. She will share tips on how to build your network in the community and on social media; what days are better to reach out to potential employers and some basic steps to help organize your search. Everyone will learn something from Michelle!

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOSTS AMY CAMPANELLI

PEACE & JUSTICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 7-9PM

Joyce Hall located at 145 N. Waiola

In the lower level of the Education Building

The St. Francis Xavier Peace & Justice Ministry is committed to addressing the crisis of gun violence. This month, we welcome parishioner Amy Campanelli, Public Defender for Cook County, to provide her perspective on this important issue and engage with us in dialogue around what we as Christians can do to end gun violence.

JOIN US! All are welcome.

Please RSVP to (708) 352-0168

WORD OF LIFE

"Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's love. ... Every life is worth living."

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Program Flyer, www.goo.gl/sYADTw



Youth Ministry

ENCOUNTER SMALL GROUPS

Our next Encounter is Sunday, March 12th at 4pm where we will again gather to explore life issues as they relate to our faith. Join us!

CHURCH LEAGUE FOR GIRLS-COACHES NEEDED!



Registration for church league basketball for girls is now open ! All high school girls are welcome to join, whether they play for their schools or not. Practices begin in late March, with games in April and May. Adult volunteer coaches are needed to allow our team to participate, so contact Elizabeth if you are interested.

FANNIE MAY CANDY FOR MISSION TRIP

The teens who will attend the mission trip this summer are raising money by selling Fannie May Easter Candy. Find out how you can buy your "Eastery" candy from Fannie May tax-free and have it delivered to your door for free! Contact Elizabeth for details!

PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday, March 10th the parish ministries will sponsor a Lenten soup supper before the Taizé prayer. Volunteers are needed from 5-7:30 to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. This is a great way to interact with those in the parish and be part of a special Lenten tradition. Contact Elizabeth for more details!

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



St. Cletus has committed to helping at the West Suburban Community Pantry on Saturday, April 29th from 8-12 in Woodridge. We are looking for 5-6 high school teens (parents welcome) to help clients shop for their needs. Contact Elizabeth for sign-up details!

UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Each Friday of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. This is a wonderful way to refocus on the power of Christ's love for us through an ancient Lenten tradition.

On Friday, March 10th Taizé will take place instead of Stations. Taizé is a beautiful form of music and prayer that can truly be transforming in our relationship with God.

Our next Wednesday Sundaes will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at 7pm. Join us for reflection and ice cream!



Elizabeth Tomasek, Youth Ministry
etomasek@stcletusparish.com
(708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

2016-17 St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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Other Ministry Notes

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS MEETING

The Pastoral Care Ministers meeting will be Sunday, March 5th at 12:15 p.m. in Room 98.

This meeting is for all Ministers involved in the:

Ministry of Care - at LaGrange Hospital, the nursing homes and the homebound.

Compassionate Care Ministry - Funeral planner, Wake Prayers, Basket Assembly/Delivery, Card makers and mailers.

I would also like to invite anyone interested in these ministries to come and hear more about them.

We are in DIRE need of Funeral Planners. This is a blessed role (remember my homily about the beatitudes) and very gratifying. Training will be provided. Maybe your family has been the beneficiary of this ministry and you feel called to get involved? If so please come and find out more from those of us who do it.

We will meet in the school building Rm 98 and lunch will be provided. Please let me know if you are coming so that I can plan refreshments.

Blessings - Deacon Stuart
sheyes@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5407

FR RON ANGLIM - SAYS "HELLO TO ALL MY FRIENDS AT ST CLETUS."

Fr Ron is now (finally) situated in his new residence at: Bishop Timothy Lyne House, (home for retired priests) 12230 S. Will Cook Rd., Palos Park IL 60464.

He would welcome visitors, calls or mail from parishioners and asked that I pass on his best wishes to all at St Cletus. His cell no. is (708)246-6141. (please note he is a little hard of hearing though).



RESISTING HAPPINESS - BY MATTHEW KELLY

Last Christmas Fr. Bob and Staff gave all parish families this book for Christmas.

I pray that many of you read it and loved it, as did I, not only that but that you took some concrete steps as a result to make you a happier and more fulfilled Catholic.

The reason for this note is let you know that his organization: DynamicCatholic.com is offering the "BEST LENT EVER" daily video series.

They will take you through the book for a Lenten journey like no other. So don't give up chocolate BUT RATHER travel with Matthew Kelly and enjoy your Lent!

To get them in your e-mail box daily visit their website DynamicCatholic.com and register.

Blessings - Dcn. Stuart

ST. CLETUS CREDO LIBRARY TURNS 5!

The library is FIVE years old. We have over 1,600 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 March. So if you have any books out that you have had for over six months, please return them as soon as possible.

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 400. If you have a book that you did not check out, please bring it back. When we do the inventory in March, we will be putting bright green stickers on all the books with a reminder to return them, which we hope will cut down on the books that do not find their way back to the library.

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

Sunday Notes

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalms — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
 Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
 Wednesday: St. John of God
 Thursday: St. Frances of Rome
 Friday: Abstinence
 Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in various forms of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some people suggest that this recovers an ancient tradition in the church, when in fact the practice belongs to a later time. The custom of showing the consecrated host to the people, encased in a vessel called a monstrance, developed in a period of history when even very pious people received Communion only rarely. The opportunity to see the host raised high above the head of the priest at Mass, or to see the host exposed outside of Mass, was thought by many to be a form of spiritual Communion. Without question, our Catholic practice of reserving the consecrated host both for adoration and Communion of the sick and dying is a cherished tradition.

Over the next few weeks, we'll look at how these traditions developed and how the Church envisions reservation and adoration today. We do this by the light of the liturgical reforms that have restored a heightened appreciation for how receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our worship. "Perpetual Adoration," "Reservation," "Benediction," and "Reposition" are all part of the Catholic vocabulary. Often the terms are misused, and a tangled history—as well as widely varying practices in our parishes—adds to the confusion. Many Catholics today have never participated in Benediction, or even spent time in adoration on Holy Thursday night. There's plenty of interesting history, much of it surprising and challenging, and we will do our best to inform you along the way.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

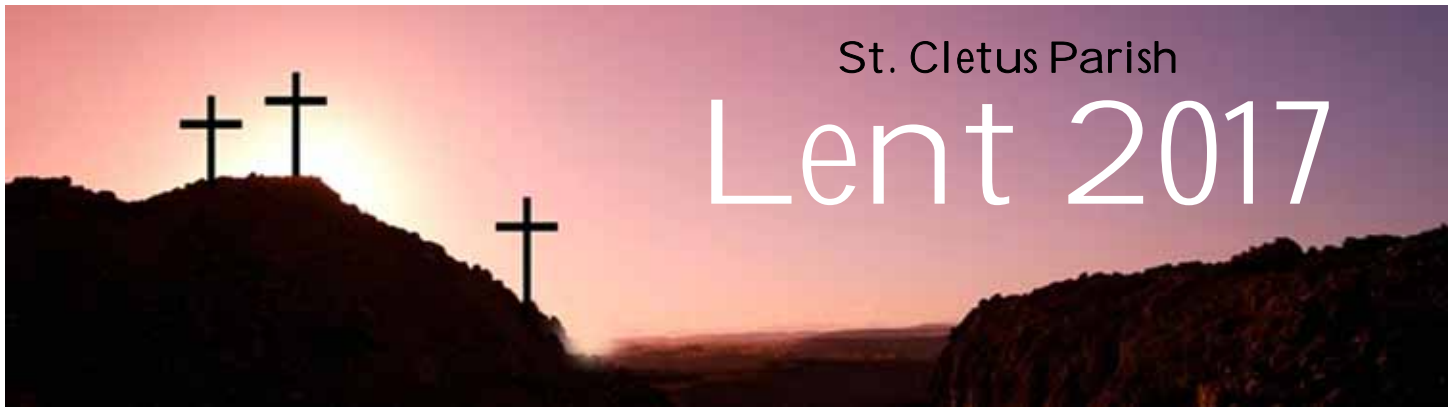
LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila



St. Cletus Parish Lent 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 5 11am Family Mass	MARCH 6	MARCH 7 6pm Holy Hour 7pm Spanish Holy Hour	MARCH 8	MARCH 9 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 10 6pm Soup Supper in Morrissey Hall 7pm Taizé Prayer	MARCH 11 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions 5pm Girl Scout Mass
MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15 7:00pm Teen Prayer Service	MARCH 16 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 17 7pm Stations of the Cross (Traditional)	MARCH 18 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
MARCH 19 4:00pm A Joyful Noise Concert	MARCH 20	MARCH 21	MARCH 22	MARCH 23 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 24 7pm Stations of the Cross (Cancer Survivor Group)	MARCH 25 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
MARCH 26	MARCH 27	MARCH 28	MARCH 29	MARCH 30 2:00pm School Living Stations of the Cross	MARCH 31 7pm Living Stations (Presented by the 8th grade students)	APRIL 1 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
APRIL 2	APRIL 3 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service	APRIL 4 6pm Holy Hour 7pm Spanish Holy Hour	APRIL 5	APRIL 6 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	APRIL 7 7pm Stations of the Cross (Social Justice)	APRIL 8 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
APRIL 9 Palm Sunday 11am Family Mass	APRIL 10	APRIL 11	APRIL 12	APRIL 13 No 8am Mass 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	APRIL 14 No 8am Mass 9:30am Via Crucis en Español in MH 11:30am Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Christo en Español in MH	APRIL 15 No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall
APRIL 16 Easter Sunday	 <p>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: 7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)</p>				1pm Pasión del Señor y Adoration del la Cruz en Español in MH 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord	7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

*PLEASE NOTE:
CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY*

Community Bulletin Board

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES



JOYFUL NOISE

MARCH 19, 2017
4:00 P.M.

Join us as we present "A Joyful Noise" - the same name of the very first concert we prepared, featuring our St. Cletus parishioners and friends.

ST. CLETUS PARISH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE
FREE ADMISSION

On Sunday, March 19th, we will present “A Joyful Noise” - the same name of the very first concert we prepared. This is designed to give everyone and anyone an opportunity to perform. The songs can range from sacred to popular; the variety is part of what makes this concert unique and exciting. I hope that many of you will join us for what promises to be an outstanding afternoon. If you have any questions email justinsisul@gmail.com.

JOYFUL AGAIN!



Are you widowed and finding stumbling blocks to moving ahead with your life? Do you want to move forward while still treasuring your memories?

There will be a workshop/retreat for widowed men and women March 25 & 26, 2017 at Presence/Holy Fam Med, Des Plaines.

For info or to register call Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 708-354-7211. Early registration is encouraged.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” Learn how to “not sweat the small stuff” and enhance your marriage by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 7-9, 2017, June 9-11, 2017, or August 11-13, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended.

For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

The Office for Human Dignity & Solidarity

LENT

Immigration resources for the season

The Immigration Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago, invites everyone – individuals, classrooms and parishes – to utilize this calendar during the Lenten season to nourish a deeper compassion and a lived spirituality of following Christ in these difficult times. Let us be challenged to see the face of Christ in all those we call stranger, to see the suffering of Christ in immigrants and refugees and to work toward compassionate immigration reform that will preserve human dignity and preserve families.

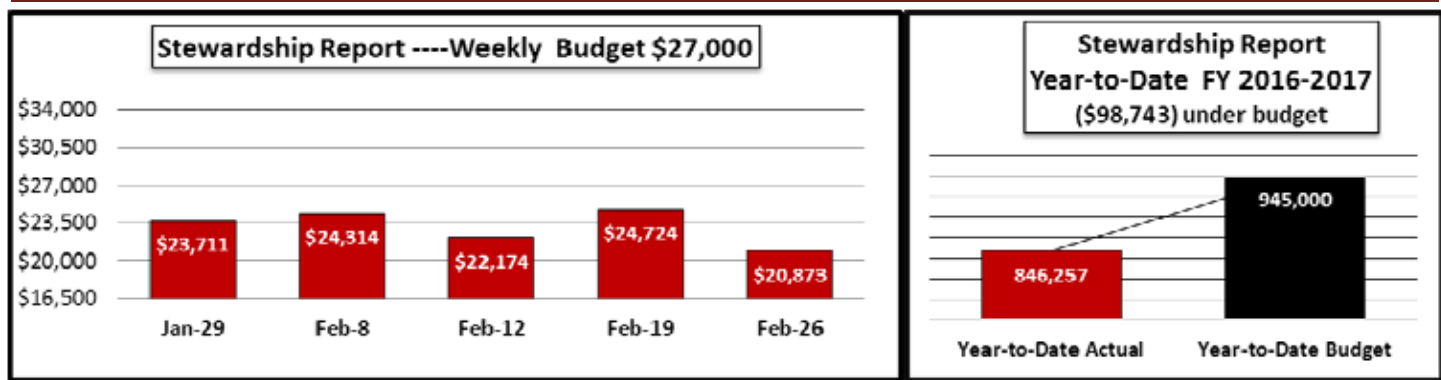
<p>5 1st Sunday of Lent: Read Mt 4:1-11: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." How can we live the WORD today?</p>	<p>6 Reflect on this from today's Gospel [Mt 25:31-46]: "Lord, when did I see you?" May we see the face of Christ in those arrested or detained at work or homes.</p>	<p>7 Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer [Mt 6:7] Pause one minute after saying, "Our Father" and think about who are your sisters and brothers in our world.</p>	<p>8 Pray on today's first reading [Jon 3-10], that those who have uttered hateful words toward immigrants will repent and change their ways.</p>	<p>9 From today's Gospel: Do to others what you would have them do to you [Mt 7:12] Make an Action Plan: what can you do to ease the anxieties of immigrants and refugees?</p>	<p>10 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: Let your heart be moved. Accompany those released from detention. Support www.ICDIChicago.org</p>	<p>11 Consider these words of Jesus: "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" [Mt 5:44]. Pick one govt. official or media personality who has attacked immigrants, pray for them daily.</p>
<p>12 2nd Sunday of Lent: In today's first reading, God tells Abraham, as he begins his Migration journey, "All the communities of the earth will find blessing in you." How are immigrants a blessing to us and to our communities?</p>	<p>13 "We know the refugees; they are us." –Tweet from Cardinal Cupich, posted 01-30-2017 "The Church's first truth is the love of Christ." When people look at us, is the first thing they see the love of Christ?</p>	<p>14 The end of today's Gospel: "whoever humbles himself will be exalted." [Mt 23:12]. Pray for immigrants who provide services: who clean our hotels and houses; cook and serve our food; maintain our lawns and gardens: arisechicago.org</p>	<p>15 "Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Read Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2017: <i>The Word is a gift.</i> Other persons are a gift.</p>	<p>16 "I ask everyone to take care of the young, who in a threefold way are defenseless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves." Pope Francis' 2017 Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees</p>	<p>17 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: Pray the sorrowful mysteries; remember the children crossing our borders. It's St. Patrick's Day. Let us remember that our nation was built by immigrants and enriched by their presence.</p>	<p>18 "...He was lost and has been found!" [Lk 15:32] Assist young immigrants to be welcomed as God's children. Contact Congress and ask to insure the safety and protection of unaccompanied refugee children 866-940-2439</p>
<p>19- 3rd Sunday of Lent Reflect on Jn 4: 5-42: Let us imitate Jesus in our encounters with those who are different from us in nationality or religious faith. Let us learn from each other in truth!</p>	<p>20 Feast of St. Joseph St. Joseph was forced to take his family to Egypt to flee Herod's wrath. Pray for all refugees enduring political persecution. www.crs.org/</p>	<p>21 "Remember your mercies, O Lord." [Ps 25:6] Have mercy on those forced into refugee camps or immigration detention, wherever they may be. www.ICDIChicago.org</p>	<p>22 Mt 5:17-19 Jesus came to fulfill the law. Work for legislation that embodies Catholic social teaching and basic human rights. www.cliniclegal.org</p>	<p>23 Whoever is not with me is against me- Lk 11:23 Live in solidarity with immigrants. Learn the stories of migrant and refugee journeys. Visit www.crs.org</p>	<p>24 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: Love your neighbor as yourself. Mk 12:31 Pray for our neighbors who are being deported every day.</p>	<p>25 Solemnity of the Annunciation "Let's leave fear at the door, not the refugee, and remember we are the land of the free and the home of the brave." –Tweet from Cardinal Cupich, 01-30-17.</p>

Week at a Glance

C...Church	S...School (Education Building)	Narthex...Church Vestibule	RB...Rectory Basement	MH...Morrissey Hall
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	
Sunday, March 5	All Masses All Masses	Narthex Narthex	Welcome Committee Lenten Almsgiving - CRS Rice Bowls	
Monday, March 6	4:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Rm MH	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball	
Tuesday, March 7	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm	Church RB Rectory Church S Rm 213 S Rm 200 S Rm 207	Holy Hour School Board RCIA Spanish Holy Hour Social Concerns Commission Meeting Athletic Association Meeting Men's Prayer Group	
Wednesday, March 8	8:00am 9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	S K/Pre-K RB S Rm 200 S Rm 98	Welcome Wednesday Open House Mission Ladies Baptism Prep CREDO	
Thursday, March 9	7:30pm	S Music Rm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, March 10	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	MH Church S Rm 201	Lenten Soup Supper Taizé Prayer Service Hispanic Ministry Lenten Reflections	
Saturday, March 11	9:00am 5:00pm	S Rm 200 Church	Pre-Cana Girl Scout Mass	
Sunday, March 12	4:00pm	S Rm 201/208	Teen Encounter Groups	

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT




SUPPORT ST. CLETUS PARISH WITH ONLINE GIVING

Many St. Cletus Parishioners have taken advantage of our online giving site to set up their monthly donations to our parish. If you would like to make your donation online please log onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Donate button. Register using your checking account, debit card or credit card. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the rectory, (708)352-6209.



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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Holy Hour first Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hispanic Adoration continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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