

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

NEW YEARS BLESSINGS

St. Cletus Parish was blessed to have so many parishioners with us for our Christmas Masses this week. Thank you for celebrating the Lord's birth at our parish.

This joyous occasion was only made more splendid by our St. Cletus staff and volunteers. Our staff and maintenance did a beautiful job with the decorations in and around the church and we thank them for all of their hard work.

Our new music director, Larry LaLonde, the parish choirs, soloists, and other musicians led our celebrations with beautiful hymns of prayer. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Thank you again to everyone who donated to the St. Cletus Giving Tree with gifts, food baskets, monetary donations and time. The generosity of our donors and volunteers was once again amazing and overwhelming.

As we begin a new year, we wish each and every member of St. Cletus parish a blessed and holy 2016.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- DEC. 31: 5pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
- JAN. 1: 9am Mass Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
- JAN. 8: 8pm Holy Name Society Meeting
- JAN. 9: 5pm Archdiocesan Mass for Life with Archbishop Blase Cupich
- JAN. 16: 8pm Fine Arts Series Fundraiser, Cabaret
- JAN. 31: Catholic Schools Week Open House



Mass Intentions for the Week of December 28—January 3, 2016

Day	Presider (Subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Audrey and John Hovorka
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Mary Lyn Loughlin
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Genevieve Janis, Mary Lestarczyk
Thursday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory St. Cletus Parishioners Living and Deceased
Friday	Fr. Clark	9:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Living and Deceased
Saturday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Wojcik Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Eric Karlson, Ed Mielkus, Deb Olson, Kerry Kalnis, George Pappas, Gloria Karlson
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Mark Callaghan, Josephine Felice, Linda Felice Mary Ricciardone & Calandriello Family, Bill Ralph Groskopf St. Cletus Parishioners Gene Kennedy, Eugene Sorrentino, Louis Guide, Kenneth Baker, Sr Souls in Purgatory

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

Ed Kinsley

Husband of Jan Kinsley

Patsy Walsh

Mother of Kate Hennessy

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, January 2/3, 2016 after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

RECTORY HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday, December 28, 2015 Closed
New Year's Eve December 31, 2015 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
New Year's Day January 1, 2016 Closed
The office will reopen Saturday, January 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 31, 2015: 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2016: 9:00 a.m.
9:00a.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA NEXT WEEKEND

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next weekend envelopes will be available in the pews to continue to help develop evangelization and catechetical programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Cynthia Cozen, Al Dybiczy, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Patricia Niwa, Allie DeRivera, Don King, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Alexandra DeRivera, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Peter D. Rivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, Dave McCoy, LaVerne Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

At the baptism of a baby, a parent takes the light from the Paschal Candle and the priest says, "Receive the light of Christ". This candle is a reminder of the great celebrations of Easter: a child is reborn into the family of God. Who will this child grow up to be? This question captures the hopes and joys, the fears and anxieties of all families thanking God for the birth of a child. At the end of life, when the paschal candle burns at the head of the coffin, we are reminded of the love of God. Between these two days, for each child of God there is the mystery of love and life; the mystery of suffering and death.

We thank God for this mystery on the feast of the Holy Family. The feast is a celebration of family life, a celebration of origins and roots. As we progress through the twenty-first century it is difficult to speak of family life in a collective way because experiences differ so widely. When speaking of the family, one taps into a multitude of emotions: joy, thankfulness, sadness, pain, anger, disappointment. This feast may heighten the pain and sadness for those recovering from the death of a family member, or marriage breakdown.

Perhaps the images which we associate with the Feast of the Holy family make it difficult to accept our own family experiences. We see an ideal that seems distant from the reality of our own family lives. Still in the celebration of parenthood and family, we are reminded of each person's need for love. Jesus born of Mary and cared for by Joseph, God made flesh, needed tender love and care.

This feast is also a celebration of membership of the family of God. Each of us is a child of God and called to live the life of a disciple. Through baptism and sharing in communion, we are bonded together in ways that are deeper than human family ties. When asked who was his brother or sister, Jesus replied that anyone who did the will of God was a member of his family.

When Mary and Joseph return to Jerusalem to look for Jesus, they are surprised to find him sitting with the doctors and asking them questions. When they express their worry and anxiety, Jesus replies that he must be busy with his Father's affairs. Mary and Joseph do not understand what Jesus means. Misunderstanding occurred in the family of Jesus as it is part of the human condition. This fact can reassure us when it happens in the midst of our families.

Misunderstanding causes

pain and confusion. Many older parents find it difficult to accept the choices that their adult children make. In particular, they struggle when their adult children no longer go to Church, profess their faith or choose alternative lifestyles. Many a parent asks, "what did I do wrong?" The pain of this experience echoes that of Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, who prayed unceasingly for her son's conversion. Only at the end of her life did he become a Christian.

To love is to continue to accept the other person, even if their choices are hard to accept. To love requires giving freedom which is appropriate to age and maturity. The difficulty of finding this balance cannot be underestimated. The task of parenting is to foster this maturity. To love is to know pain and the cross, especially when hopes are unfulfilled.

There is a mystery in the dealings of God with his people. The second reading speaks of the way in which our future is unknown to us. For the Christian, the future is not negative, but God is at work shaping each person in love, calling and inviting the person to see and love God more deeply. The love which God lavishes works secretly any mysteriously in the heart of each of us. To recognize that God does not always work in straight lines may be a consolation at the start of the New Year.

New Years Blessings,



Fr. Bob Clark



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

School Resumes January 4
 Pre-K through Grade 3 Winterfest January 15
 Catholic Schools Week Open House January 31

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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St. Cletus School Christmas Play

Grades 1-4 did a fantastic job in their Christmas play! A special thanks to the 4th grade students and teachers, parent volunteers, and especially to Mr. Nemec for all of his hard work on this production.



Kindergarten Advent Service

Our Kindergarteners and their 8th grade buddies put on a wonderful Advent Communion Service on Friday. The buddy program at St. Cletus builds confidence and promotes positive behavior in our younger students while older students practice cooperation and social skills. It is a tradition that the older children look forward to throughout their years at St. Cletus and younger students remember for years to come.



Winter Band Concert

The December 16th Winter Band Concert was a wonderful start to the holiday season. Thank you to all of the band members, band boosters, and Mr. Phil Enns who made this such a fun event.



Preschool Christmas Program

Thank you to our Preschool students for sharing their gifts of song and smiles during Friday's concert. It was beautiful beginning to the Christmas season.



JUBILEE OF MERCY MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE SITES • ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

VICARATE I

St. Mary – Lake Forest
Marytown – Libertyville
St. Peter Damian – Bartlett
St. Raphael the Archangel – Old Mill Creek
St. Francis de Sales – Lake Zurich
St. Peter – Volo
Transfiguration – Wauconda

VICARATE II

Holy Name Cathedral - Chicago
St. Ita – Chicago
St. Martha – Morton Grove
Old St. Michael – Old Town
Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – Lincoln Park
Our Lady of Mercy – Chicago

VICARATE III

St. Peter-in-the-Loop
Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica - Chicago
St. Stanislaus Kostka - Chicago
Monastery of the Holy Cross - Chicago
St. Hyacinth Basilica - Chicago

VICARATE IV

St. Ferdinand – Chicago
St. John Vianney – Northlake
St. Mary of Czestochowa – Cicero
St. Cletus – LaGrange

VICARATE V

Queen of the Universe – Chicago
St. Rita of Cascia – Chicago
St. Bede the Venerable – Chicago
St. Catherine of Alexandria – Oak Lawn
St. Michael – Orland Park
Our Lady Mother of the Church Mission - Willow Springs

VICARATE VI

St. Anselm – Chicago
St. Columbanus – Chicago
St. Anthony – Chicago
St. Joseph - Homewood

THE CHAPELS AT O'HARE AND MIDWAY AIRPORTS

At O'Hare the chapel is on the non-security side and open to everyone.

At Midway the chapel is on the security side and thus open to travelers and employees only.

Youth Ministry

ARCHDIOCESAN SKI TRIP



This event takes place January 29th-30th. Buses depart Friday evening **and** travel to Galena, IL for an all-night ski adventure. We will arrive back early Saturday morning. If you are interested, please submit the permission form and fee no later than January 11th. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com. For information regarding cost and for registration, please visit the St. Cletus website. Parent volunteers encouraged to attend as well!!!

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



"Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth.

MISSION TRIP 2016

The Mission Trip planning is underway for the summer of 2016. St. Cletus will again be taking a group of teens who have completed at least one year of high school through the Young Neighbors in Action service experience the week of July 10th-16th to Detroit, MI. YNIA offers teens a way to grow in faith and join in prayer while also participating in mission and serving those in need. This year's theme is taken from Amos 5:24, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Registration is open now through January 22nd or until all spots are taken. For more information regarding cost and for registration, please visit the St. Cletus website. Meetings for team building, mission formation, and fundraising plans will begin this winter. **Adult chaperones are needed** to make this possible!



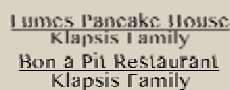
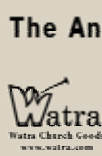
young neighbors in action

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

We will meet again to discuss upcoming socials and service projects including our mission trip this summer! Join us to learn more and offer input on Thursday, January 14th 7-8 pm in Room 200.

Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners



Bill & Heidi



Other Ministry Notes

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE AT ST. CLETUS JANUARY 9TH 5 P.M. MASS



We remember the innocent children lost and the women, men and families hurt through abortion as we reflect on the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Join Archbishop Blase Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life.

Sponsored by St. Cletus Parish and the Respect Life Office.

WORD OF LIFE

Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy. Those who go forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed, Will return with cries of joy, carrying their bundled sheaves. — Psalm 126:5-6

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NEXT HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH



The St. Cletus Parish Holy Name Society is looking for new members. Dues are only \$5 each year. The next meeting will be held on January 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 98. The topic will be upcoming events. Please join us!

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL 2ND GRADE SERVICE

This year for our service project, St. Cletus School second graders will be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please help us by collecting your tabs at home and sending them to school. We will be saving pop tabs throughout the year and appreciate all of your help. - Thank you. Second Grade



LEISURE LOAFERS

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 7th at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see all of you there!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

We'd like to wish a note of congratulations to Maggie Kensek and Henry Morlock who have been elected to the St. Cletus Parish Pastoral Council. Welcome to the PPC!



Getting Ready to Ring in the New Year?

Making New Year's resolutions?

This year the Parish Pastoral Council calls you to be bold and put your faith in action! We invite you to share your enthusiasm for life, learning and service with members of your parish community and become involved in one of the many ministries at St. Cletus.

On the weekend of February 13- 14th, the PPC will host a Ministry Fair in Morrissey Hall where every ministry in the parish will be on display. Members will be available to describe their work and answer questions. Recognizing that each New Year in our lives is filled with its own graces, joys, and challenges we encourage you to consider opportunities at St. Cletus and in 2016 "resolve" to be involved in parish life.

For further information, please call Helen McMahon at 708-579-5913 or Susan Hurley at 708-374-9773.

JOYFUL AGAIN WIDOWED MINISTRY

Widowed? Finding Holidays difficult? at JA Widowed Ministry we understand.

Workshop/retreat for the widowed: January 16 & 17, 2016 at Our Lady of the Angels, Lemont. Call 708-354-7211 to register. Visit www.joyfulagain.org to view video.



Archdiocesan Mass for Life

Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 5 p.m.

St. Cletus

600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL
(708) 352-6209
www.stcletusparish.com



We remember the innocent children lost and the women, men and families hurt through abortion as we reflect on the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Join Archbishop Blase Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life.



Archbishop Blase Cupich,
Principal Celebrant

“Each of us is *Willed*, each
of us is *Loved*, each of us is
Necessary.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

Sponsored by St. Cletus Parish and the Respect Life Office.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



FAMILY LIFE

“Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalms — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalms 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year’s Day
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year’s Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peacetime church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe “Sylvester Night” is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester’s papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They’ve been celebrating ever since!

Many New Year’s customs have pagan roots, like the British “First Footer” tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household’s first footer?

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Dry pinto beans
- Canned or powdered milk
- Rice
- Canned Chili
- Laundry detergent
- Monetary donations

On behalf of the households we serve, THANK YOU and may your Christmas be filled with joy and peace!

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



**THANK YOU AGAIN TO
DEL'S MOVING & STORAGE!**

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

GIVING TREE

Thank you for completing another successful Giving Tree year. WOW! I am so humbled by all of your generosity! Because of you we were able to help make Christmas brighter for over 700 families! This is truly amazing. When I first started as the Director of Social Concerns just a few months ago, everyone kept telling me how amazing Giving Tree would be, "just wait until you see all the gifts", "you won't believe it". You were right! This is truly a generous and amazing community that responds to the call to serve. Thank you!



On behalf of the Social Concerns Ministry we wish all of you a Blessed and Peace-filled New Year! 2015 gave us many opportunities to give hope to many of the people who are struggling in our midst, by providing food, shelter, transportation, and other basic necessities for their families. The generosity of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, abounds, which we witnessed, especially during this Holiday Season. The Giving Tree Project continues to be a large part of many people's Advent preparation to celebrate the greatest gift of all, God's own son, Jesus, sent into the world to bring us hope, peace, and eternal life.

Volunteers from all areas of this ministry – Social Concerns Commission, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Rummage Sale, Interfaith Community Partners, Food Pantry, Interfaith Career Network, Respect Life, Mission Ladies, Lenten Almsgiving, Adult Service Project, Advent Giving Tree, Domestic Violence Outreach, and other special efforts-join you in our goal of responding to human needs with justice and love, in Christ's name.

In the New Year, we ask you to pray along with us:

*Lord God, grant us a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

FOOD PANTRY



Many thanks to everyone who supported our Food Pantry in 2015. You can be proud that our Food Pantry continues to meet the need for food support in our community, because of the St. Cletus parishioners' ongoing positive response to Jesus' call to help the less fortunate and to see Him in the faces of those we serve. Your concern and generosity was apparent every month with your food donations and monetary contributions...you are the foundation of this outreach!

FOOD PANTRY (CONTINUED)

We are grateful, too, for the donations and sponsored food drives from so many community schools, organizations and businesses. Lastly, our food pantry could not operate without the many hours of service provided by our volunteers. THANK YOU for your dedication in sorting and shelving groceries, packing bags, carrying them to church to set up for the monthly food distribution, donating hours of service to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which helps pay for food we order from them each month, and most especially for representing St. Cletus Parish as you serve our clients. As Jesus would say “Well-done, good and faithful servant!” With the continued support of donors and volunteers, in 2016 we will strive to keep our shelves stocked, to adequately serve those who come to us for help. Thanks, again!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly Support Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The intent is to share our stories and listen to one another in a safe environment. We welcome both men and women survivors and victims' to express their thoughts and feelings and share their experiences.

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 box to the right. You are not alone.



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“We should appeal to the basic sense of fairness that is very much alive in the human spirit,”-Archbishop Cupich

We recall the journey of Mary and Joseph, searching for a place to give birth, being told there was no room. Open our hearts to always have room for the migrant and refugee searching for a place to live in dignity.

ACTIONS: Urge Congress to extend support for Syrian Refugees. Visit www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org for a list of actions to welcome Syrian Refugees.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

New Year, New Job!

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, January 7 from 7-9 pm for our first meeting of 2016. Come prepared to be entertained and enlightened. Leave knowing your job search will be re-energized. Our speaker, Conor Cunneen, will cover important topics that include how to conduct an integrated job search, how to properly prepare for your interview, improving your state of mind and conducting company research. He will offer direction to help you stay sane, motivated and productive in your job search. Conor was JobTalk radio host for many years, is Naperville Community Career Center board member, author and Chicago Humorous Speaker of the Year. What better way to begin the new year! This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus in Room 201. Look for the ICN sign outside and use the flag pole entrance.

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

December 27, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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Community Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 PILLARS BALL



The 10th Anniversary Pillars Ball will be held Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Oakbrook

Hills Hilton Resort in Oak Brook, IL. Not only is this our 10th annual gala, but it also marks 10 years of Pillars. While Pillars dates back to 1928 through its predecessor agencies, the merger that created Pillars as we know today happened 10 years ago in 2006. Come celebrate with us! More information at <http://pillarscommunity.org>

MAYSLAKE MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Miriam's Circle

Wednesday, January 6,
7-8:15pm Fee: FREE

A Pathway to Spiritual Healing
and Wellness for Women in the



Military This is a monthly gathering for the sharing of sacred stories, prayers and spiritual accompaniment. Do you struggle with your spirituality? How does your military and present day to day life integrate with your spiritual journey? Walk the path together with other Women Veterans and explore the movement of the Spirit in your life. Give yourself the gift to . . . Explore, Wonder, Discover and Rejuvenate. LOCATION: The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii (lower level of the school building next to the church) 1224 W. Lexington St. Chicago, IL 60607 FACILITATOR: Eugenia Callison COST: Program is FREE for Women Veterans

Men's Silent Retreat

Friday-Sunday, January 8-10

Fee: \$295

Every year, men retreat attendees tell us how the silence of these retreats is the most life-giving aspect. We honor that spiritual need and have created the weekend retreat with presentations wrapped in prayer and song, ample time for silent reflection and enjoying nature, opportunities to receive spiritual direction and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation along with Mass. LOCATION: Cardinal Stritch Retreat House 1000 E Maple (1300 Stritch Drive) Mundelein, IL 60060 PRESENTERS: Christine Grano and Msgr. Dennis Lyle

First Responders' Night of Renewal: Police

Thursday, January 28, 7-9pm

Fee: Free

First Responders Workshop: Devotion and Prayer Join us in a safe and confidential setting as we explore the following topics: Anger: Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19; Matthew 21:11-13 Sin: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John

3:16, John 1:12 Forgiveness: Luke 23:33-35 Reconciliation: 2 Cor.5:18 Compassion: Luke 10:29-31, Matthew 9:35-37 Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13 (learn how to pray, why we pray, pray for ourselves, pray for others-intercessory prayer) LOCATION: Mayslake Ministries 718 Ogden Avenue, Suite 200 Downers Grove, IL 60515 PRESENTER: Sue Linden

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SCHOOL AND TUTORS ON WHEELS

School and Tutors on Wheels is hosting a training for ESL tutors on January 9 and January 16, 2016.

If you are interested in becoming a one-on-one tutor, please call Jeanie at 630-217-0396 or Kathy at 630-248-9594.

MONTINI HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

The National Honor Society of Montini Catholic High School is sponsoring a Blood Drive for LifeSource on Friday, January 15, 2016. The location will be in the Field House from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sign up can be done on-line at lifesource.org using code (G401) or by calling 877-543-3768. Montini Catholic High School is located at 19W070 16th Street in Lombard.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS JANUARY 9TH



Chicagoland area Catholic High Schools will offer their entrance exams on the morning of Saturday, January 9, 2016. Please visit their websites or call the school for more information or to register.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all articles for the St. Cletus Parish Canticle are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday the week before Sunday's publication. We are currently accepting articles for the January 10th Canticle as the January 3rd Canticle has already gone to print.

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, December 27			
Monday, December 28			
Tuesday, December 29			
Wednesday, December 30			
Thursday, December 31	5:00pm		St. Cletus Facilities Closed at Noon Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Friday, January 1	9:00am		Mass Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God St. Cletus Facilities Closed after 9:00am Mass
Saturday, January 2	All Masses All Masses	Narthex Narthex	Welcome Committee St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser Ticket Sales
Sunday, January 3	All Masses All Masses	Narthex Narthex	Welcome Committee St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser Ticket Sales

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to the early transmission of the Canticle, the weekly stewardship report for the weekend of Dec. 19-20 will appear in the Jan. 2-3 bulletin.

ST. CLETUS ONLINE GIVING... DONATIONS MADE EASY

We encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Donate button and register using your checking account, debit card or credit card. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the rectory, (708) 352-6209.



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2015 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email bkallal@stcletusparish.com and submit your request electronically.

Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Envelope # _____

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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Español (708) 215-5440

School (708) 352-4820

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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 11:30 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.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

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.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor

Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor

Rev. Ron Anglim, Weekend Associate

Rev. Mr. Jesús & Silvia Casas, Deacon Couple

Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, Deacon Couple

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Jolene Hillgoth, President (708) 352-4820

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