



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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You are invited to our Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 29th
from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. Cletus builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and recognizes the diverse talents and individual learning styles of our students. We offer certified programs from pre-school through eighth grade. Our focus on academics, religious education and spiritual development balanced with extracurricular activities supports our mission to develop well-rounded students.

Of the many important decisions you'll make in life, few are more significant than the ones that affect your children. And of all those choices, selecting a school may well prove to be the most important.

- ✿ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ✿ Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- ✿ Half-day and Full-day Kindergarten
- ✿ Extended Care
- ✿ Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- ✿ Rigorous Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center and Library
- ✿ Athletic Opportunities and Extra-Curricular Activities
- ✿ Caring Community
- ✿ Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum

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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 30 - February 5, 2017

| Day | Presider (subject to change) | Time | Intentions |
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| Monday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | Thomas Forkin, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevav, Kevin Joseph Morrissey, Frank Wojcik |
| Tuesday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Ramona M. Syms, Louis Viececi |
| Wednesday | Fr. Fisher | 8:00 a.m. | Helen Borsilli, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevav |
| Thursday | Fr. Fisher | 8:00 a.m. | James W. Galvin, Lawrence Viececi |
| Friday | Fr. Fisher | 8:00 a.m. | Karen Gorak, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevav |
| Saturday | Fr. Gamboa Fr. Clark | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Jeanne Burglund |
| Sunday | Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa | 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. | John E. McNamara, Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin Mary Riccardone & Calandriello Family, Grochowiak Family, Stacy Baker St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present St. Cletus Parishioners Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners |

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

MaryLou Marsden

Grandmother of Kendall Grant

William H. Howard

Elizabeth (Betty) Travnicsek

May they rest in peace. Amen.

UPDATE TO CHURCH HOURS

Please note that St. Cletus Church will open on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. The doors will be unlocked at that time. That allows for 1/2 hour of prayerful preparation before the 7 a.m. Mass. Please note that Mon - Sat the Church will be continue to be opened at 7 a.m.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA THIS WEEKEND



Envelopes are available in the pews for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your donations will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation for those who, without your help, would not have

access to these resources. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as a way to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. More information can be found on page 8.

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

Cynthia Cozen, Gerda Dorso, Jack Falsey, Gail Saban, Dr. Brigitta Sonnenkalb, Robert Stoinski, Amber Taylor, Catherine Troyner, and Jenna Zimmerman

December

Ernest Dufner, Frannie Grybis, and Theresa Cimaglia

November

Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydel, Adriana Pecheo, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecheco, Fernando Cabral, Maria Cabral, Don Wettstein, 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.

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@steletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday a full week (nine days) before Sunday's publication.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

In 1925 the great “Mahatma” Gandhi published a book, an autobiography, entitled “The Story of my Experiments with Truth.” The closing words of that book are these: “I must reduce myself to zero. So long as a man does not, of his own free will, put himself last among his fellow creatures, there is no salvation for him. Ahimsa (non-violent respect for all creatures) is the farthest limit of humility.”

The revolution that Gandhi brought about in his native India, was not aimed simply at political independence from Britain, but also at the removal of injustice and prejudice in the human soul. He was a deeply spiritual man, and it was a spiritual revolution that he sought to bring: the kind of revolution that brings peace to the heart and soul of everyone alive. For this reason Gandhi always began his war on injustice at his own door. He gave great attention to his diet, as this affects our health and influences our passions and moods. He was a great lover of exercise and of long walks, for the same reason. He said that self-indulgence is the great destroyer of men and women. “In trying to enjoy the pleasures of sense, we lose in the end even our capacity for enjoyment.”

In learning to overcome self and selfish ways, Gandhi also discovered the hardest truth of all, namely, that suffering is an important and even necessary part of human life. In his struggles with opponents, he said, “I have found that appeal to reason does not answer where prejudices are age-long...Reason has to be strengthened by suffering, and suffering opens the eyes of understanding.” Self-denial, therefore, and a willingness to suffer for the sake of goodness and truth – these virtues constitute the true revolution in human life: not the conquest of territories, not the vanquishing of enemies, but the bringing of peace through personal commitment and at personal cost.

It was said of Alexander the Great that he wept at the end of his campaigns “because there were no more worlds left to conquer.” But that is not true. Greed, dishonesty and injustice are always with us, and the revolution in the human heart is always needed.

When the Apostle Paul established the Christian community in Corinth, it was not long before internal problems erupted, and people began to vie with one another for status and self-importance. Paul has to write to them and point out how foolish they are to think and behave in this way. Boasting, he says, is such a foolish

thing. No one in the world has got anything to boast about to God. No one has got any reason to get “on a high horse.” As the Church’s funeral liturgy so aptly puts it, “We brought nothing into this world, and we shall take nothing out of it.” All we have, all we are, is pure gift from God. We should see ourselves like that, and we should behave ourselves like that.

If we do have a boast, it is a boast that the whole world can share in – namely, to be part of Jesus Christ, the Lord. For, in the Son of God made man we have all the wisdom, all the virtue, all the holiness, and all the freedom we could ever want. Let that be our boast! Yes, in Jesus, the Lord, we have the man of the Beatitudes, the man of the great, revolutionary wisdom: the man who was first, and who made himself last of all, and least of all. Jesus, the man “who was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.” But God raised him high.

This Jesus, this humble carpenter from Nazareth, sat on a hillside and spoke to the world about revolution. He took this world as we know it, and he turned it upside down. He did not overturn governments or powers. He did not alter systems or societies – at least, not politically. Nor did he boss people. No. He blessed them. “Blessed are you,” he said.

When you open your eyes and see the world differently; when you open your heart and receive the world differently; when you open your mind and think of the world differently; then YOU will change, and the world will be different, and the kingdom of God will appear. The Beatitudes are not simply lovely words to be framed and put on a wall. They are a practice for our daily life. They are wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom. Now that is something to boast about!

Blessed in Christ Jesus,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Catholic Schools Week Open House Jan. 29
 All School Mass 10:00 a.m. Feb. 1
 St. Cletus Spring Auction April 1

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Catholic Schools Week

Our celebration of Catholic Schools kicks off with 9:30 a.m. Mass on January 29th. All parishioners are invited to join us for an Open House at St. Cletus School after Mass until 12:30 p.m.

Catholic Schools Week is always a highlight of the school community. The kids enjoy fun themes at school each day, we thank our teachers with a Teacher Appreciation Lunch, and the week ends with an all school battle of red versus white in volleyball games Friday afternoon.



8th Grade Volleyball Champions

Congratulations to the St. Cletus 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team who won the SPL championship last Saturday. An amazing ending to a great 4 years of volleyball. Thank you to our coaches Cortny Decker and Christine Clifford!



Girls Scout Service Project

On Martin Luther King Day, some of the 8th grade Girl Scouts spent their day off helping out at the Missionaries of Charity soup kitchen on the West Side. This organization is run by the Calcutta nuns and feeds many homeless people in Chicago. It was a very rewarding service project and it was the girls' second trip to help out at this soup kitchen.



Robot Design Challenge

In the Science Lab, our fifth graders were given the task to build a robot using spare robotic parts called Technics that had been donated to the school. The challenge in this task was that there were no manuals to guide them so they had to examine, test, and play to figure out what the pieces do and how to make them work together. The students rose to the challenge and created some interesting pieces.

Religious Education

HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!



This week is recognized as Catholic Education Week by parishes throughout the United States to recognize the importance of educating our youth and adults in the Catholic faith. We are blessed to have so many ways to teach and catechize our children and adults. Our Religious Education program is growing with over 425 children actively encountering our Lord in our weekly classes, along with over 70 volunteer adults and High School teens who so generously share their faith, time and talents with these children and their families. Our Parish School also teaches over 400 students about our faith, and they also have the generous support of their amazing and talented faculty. Our Youth Ministry program is growing and enabling our teens to encounter Christ through small groups, fun activities, service opportunities and life-transforming retreats. The Baptismal team does an excellent job of preparing young parents for their role as primary teacher of the faith for their children, the CREDO team works hard to bring all parishioners opportunities to continue learning about their faith, and opportunities to grow closer to our Lord. Our Marriage Preparation team does an amazing job in working with adults who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony, helping them to see the important role of faith in their new life together. These are just a few of the different ministries within our parish that work to continuously teach about our faith, and to live out the Gospel values in our lives! We are so grateful to everyone who so generously volunteers and give of their time, talents and treasures to teach and catechize our children, youth and adults of the parish.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST. CLETUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

This month we continue in our efforts to provide our students with different prayer and service opportunities. Our fourth grade students made Prayer Treasure Jars (pictured to the right) for our home-bound parishioners, which we hope will brighten their days, and help to lift their spirits as they are held up in prayer by these young people. Our First Grade students and their Parents joined us for the annual Church Tour. Our two wonderful Deacons, Deacon Jesus and Deacon Stuart, led these tours giving the children and their parents the "inside story" on the things we see and use in Church for our liturgical celebrations and sacraments. It was a wonderful experience for them all!

Many of our classes are busy with final preparations for Sacraments. Our Second Graders of the parish are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, February 4th. Our Eighth Grade students in the parish are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 4th. Students in Fifth Grade are working hard in their preparations to lead us in prayer in March with Living Stations of the Cross, and organizing our annual Good Neighbor Food Drive for Lent. Our Fourth Grade Students are preparing for Love Day in February, where they honor someone in their lives who demonstrates love in a special way.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming RE events:

- February 4 - First Reconciliation for all Second Grade Students and Special Sacraments students and their families. The Sacrament begins at 11 a.m. in the Church.
- February 5 & 6 - Religious Education classes are in session.
- February 12 & 13 - Religious Education classes are in session. Fourth Grade students bring in a guest to celebrate Love Day during class.
- **No Classes on Feb. 19 & 20, 26 & 27**
- March 2 - Mandatory Confirmation Practice for 8th Grade students and their Sponsors. Practice is from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Church.
- March 4 - Sacrament of Confirmation at 1 p.m. in the Church.
- March 5 & 6 - Religious Education classes are in session. No class for 8th Grade students.



Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Jelly
- Powdered Milk
- Oatmeal
- Boxed potatoes
- Flavored rice sides
- 2 or 3 lb. Rice

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 (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418 for more information.

Archdiocesan Domestic Violence Outreach

What are the causes of domestic violence?

¹Domestic violence is learned, purposeful behavior and is a manifestation of the abuser's need to achieve and maintain power and control over the victim. Abusive behavior is learned and reinforced:

- Through observation
- Through experience
- In culture and in society
- In the family
- In communities, including schools and peer groups
- In faith, religious, and spiritual institutions
- Through our failure to hold batterers accountable for their actions.

²The single most influential factor of domestic violence in adulthood is domestic violence in the household in which the person was reared. Children who grow up in an environment where control is maintained through verbal threats and intimidation and conflicts escalate into physical violence, are more likely to resort to the same methods of abuse as adults.

³There are, however, a number of predictors that **may lead** to domestic violence.

- An **environment** where violence is either taught, by example, or accepted as "normal" will imprint upon a child's psyche.
- Domestic violence is often linked to **poor self-esteem**, isolation from social support, a manipulative nature, and a desire for power and control.
- **Drug and/or alcohol abuse** may be a precursor to domestic violence. Substance abuse leads to out-of-control behavior. The number one commonality within the dynamics of most alcoholic families is poor emotional health.
- Domestic violence is more frequent where individuals experience loss of physical health and/or wage-earning power.

Domestic violence **is not caused by**³:

- Illness
- Genetics or biology
- Alcohol and drugs
- Out-of-control behavior
- Anger

- Stress
- The victim's behavior or actions
- Problems in the relationship
- Children or pets
- Satan, demons, or evil influences

Simply put, "There is no excuse for domestic violence."

1 Elaine J. Alpert, et al. Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention, The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, 2005

2 "Causes of Domestic Violence", www.allaboutlifechanges.org

3 Rev. Joyce Galvin, Domestic Violence Presentations at St. Raymond July 2010

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 in the column on the far left.

You are not alone.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

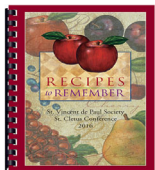
We are in need of some helping hands in assembling the rice bowls to be used in this year's parish Lenten Almsgiving Project, which will support Catholic Relief Service's humanitarian efforts throughout the world. This project will take place in **St. Cletus Education Building-Room 213** as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 15th from 3:15-5:15 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m.

Students must be in at least 6th grade to participate. Adults of all ages welcomed! Please contact Kendall Grant (kgrant@stcletusparish.com or 708.215.5418) to sign up to help. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COOKBOOK



Cookbooks will be available again for purchase before/after Masses February 11-12! During the weekdays you can still purchase books in the Rectory. Checks should be made payable to SVDP.

All proceeds go to the charitable works of our SVDP conference, helping individuals and families right here in our neighborhood. Proceeds from your purchase of a cookbook literally puts food on tables, keeps the heat and electric running and keeps roofs over heads. Thank you!!

The cookbook is \$15 and contains almost 500 recipes from parishioners, families and friends. The cookbook includes: appetizers, soups and dips, salads, main dishes, vegetables and sides, deserts, cakes, cookies and brownies, breads and rolls and more! The cookbook makes for a great Valentine's Day gift! Questions? Call Jerry 630-849-5857.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Job Search Boot Camp

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will host their five-week workshop beginning Tuesday, February 7, 7 to 9 pm.

Whether you're looking to change jobs or re-entering the workforce, this workshop will teach you the tools to help you land the right job! Join us at 150 South Ashland Avenue. These meetings will be in Westminster Hall. Please enter the church on Catherine Ave. For further information, please call the church office at 708.354.0771. ICN meetings are open to all and there is no cost to attend.

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

WORD OF LIFE

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'"

— Romans 8:15, NABRE © 2010 CCD.
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God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself.



Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation:
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Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been an expression of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. In a letter celebrating this important anniversary, Pope Francis commended this work, saying, "Through your support, many lives have been touched by the Good News of Christ's merciful love, especially for the poor." Your participation in the collection helps share the faith with those who long to experience God's mercy and compassion in strong faith communities.

In northern Peru, great distances and deteriorated roads mean that pastoral agents and ministers must often travel by foot or mule to rural communities. As a result, some communities are visited by these church agents only once

per month, others sometimes just twice per year. The Collection for the Church in Latin America was able to help fund training for 65 pastoral ministers for some of these communities. Because of your support, these new leaders continue to reach out and serve the rural areas, ensuring all feel included in our family of faith.

Through projects like this, you are helping empower the people of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with the world.

For more information on how you can help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



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SUNDAY NOTES

January 29, 2017

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE CHOSEN REMNANT

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today's first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a "remnant" in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul's letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today's Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus' "Great Sermon." As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God's kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God's chosen "remnant." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Catholic Schools Week
 Tuesday: St. John Bosco
 Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
 Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Until very recent decades "Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" were centered on personal pious devotions, not public liturgy. In urban America, at least in cities with a significant Catholic population, Holy Thursday was about veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. People were encouraged to walk to seven churches for a "visit" to each parish's repository, a kind of temporary tabernacle on a side altar, closer in proximity to the faithful than the usual tabernacle on the distant high altar. On Good Friday, the most popular form of devotion was the Stations of the Cross, or a three-hour program of word and preaching beginning at noon.

The Holy Thursday seven-church hike was a way of participating in a custom of the city of Rome. Traditionally, each day in Lent was assigned to a particular parish church or basilica in the city. Each week of Lent thus had seven churches, and pious people tried to get to each one of them. The pilgrimage was a symbol of unity and also the journey of faith. Originally, the pope would go to each place for a liturgy, but political strife removed the pope from Rome in 1305. With the papacy relocated in France, the custom ceased until Pope Leo XIII expressed interest in restoring it in 1900, and Blessed John XXIII fully restored the custom in 1959. By the time Pope Leo began to revive the custom, many American cities had enough parishes and monasteries that the faithful could vicariously participate in the revived tradition of stational liturgies by a very long walk!

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

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried. —Gilbert K. Chesterton

Other Ministry Notes (continued on page 12)

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING - 2/10



Due to a conflict with Cabaret night on February 3rd, the HNS has switched our meeting night to February 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten room. New members are always welcomed. Pizza and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

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.

Fr. Lorenzo

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL AUCTION



Saturday, April 1st

Capri Banquets, Countryside

Watch Final Four games on a
HUGE 9x11 screen!

Raffles, DJ, Live and Silent Auction,
great food & drinks!

The St. Cletus Spring Auction Planning committee needs YOUR help!

We are in need of Sponsors and Donated Items for our Auction on April 1st! What can you do?...

- Ask your employer to be a sponsor, donate an item, or purchase an ad for our auction book.
- Ask friends & family who own businesses for a donation. No item is too small!
- Ask the local businesses that you support (i.e. your dog groomer, hairstylist, favorite restaurant) for a donation.
- Do you or anyone you know have a vacation home that could be donated for a week or long weekend?
- Do you have a special talent or craft that you could share (i.e. piano lessons, knitting, hand-made jewelry)?

Donation deadline for auction items is Friday, March 10th. Please visit our event web page for more information on this event and links to sponsorship and donation forms.

We thank you in advance for your support!

Your Spring Auction Chairs,
Amy & Bob McCabe

auction.stcletusschool.com

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES - CABARET



Friday, Feb. 3rd

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Entertainment begins 8 p.m.

Cabaret! Piano Bar Night in Morrissey Hall to benefit the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series. Admission is \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, which includes entertainment, beer, wine and appetizers. There will also be raffles and a split the pot! Must be 21+ to attend. We are excited to have Andrew Blendermann and Tony Kidonakis back on dueling pianos providing musical fun and entertainment. Tickets and information are available in the Narthex after Masses this weekend and next. Must be 21+ to attend. RSVP online today at www.edwardfas.com.

MISSION TRIP 2017 - REGISTER BY 2/3!

Our Mission Trip this summer will take place July 16th-22nd. We will serve the community of South Bend, IN.

Registration details are available on the website. If you are interested, please submit your application ASAP. Applications are due by February 3rd, but space is limited and does fill up quickly! This is open to high school students who will have completed 9th grade and above.

We are also looking for adult chaperones who are willing to join us. Contact Elizabeth for details to see if this is something meant for you!

KAIROS 25 RETREAT REGISTRATION

Kairos 25 will take place March 16-19, 2017. This is a joint youth ministry opportunity with St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our parishes come together to support this peer ministry in action. This experience is open to high school juniors and seniors. The retreat will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay in turning in your registration!

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To Rise with Christ

Instruction on Burial Rites Involving Ashes / Cremated Remains of the Deceased

NEW VATICAN INSTRUCTION, TO RISE WITH CHRIST, ON THE CARE OF CREMATED REMAINS

Recently, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued an Instruction, *To Rise With Christ*, on the burial rites involving ashes / cremated remains of the deceased.

In issuing this Instruction, the Congregation noted that "the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church's faith have also become widespread." Because of this, the Instruction is intended to emphasize the "pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation."

Below are some questions which this *Instruction* might raise in the minds of Catholics in the Archdiocese:

WHY ARE THEY CHANGING THE RULES ON CREMATION?

The rules that govern cremation after death for the Catholic Church are actually *not* changing! Since 1963 the Church has allowed cremation and since the early 1997 it has allowed a funeral liturgy in the presence of cremated remains. Even with these concessions, the Church has always stressed the importance of *burying* the remains of the faithful, either the body or the cremated remains.

In recent times, the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries. Simultaneously, new and sometimes puzzling ideas contrary to the Church's vision of Christian burial have redirected the focus of Christian death (for example, cremated remains being used to make jewelry or other mementos).

Thus, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new *Instruction*, with the intention of underlining, or re-emphasizing the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms for the conservation of cremated remains.

IS THE PROHIBITION OF SCATTERING ASHES OR KEEPING THEM IN THE HOME NEW?

No. These are not new prohibitions. What the *Instruction* is emphasizing is the Church's ancient tradition of preferring that the bodies of the deceased be buried. Noting that there are reasons one might choose to be cremated, the Church holds to that tradition of burying remains, because of what we believe about the Resurrection – that one day, Christ will return in glory and our bodies and souls will be reunited but will be remade on that last day, sharing the Glory of the Risen Christ.

Because of this, it is inconsistent with this belief to scatter the cremated remains of our deceased (into the air, on the ground, or in bodies of water) or to divide them, or to keep them in homes.

THEN WHAT ARE TO BE DONE WITH THE CREMATED REMAINS OF A DECEASED LOVED ONE?

The *Instruction* notes that "when, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose...From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes 'in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church'."

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago are always ready to assist families who are dealing with the death of a loved one, and if cremation has been chosen, the Cemeteries are able to provide options for burial or interment of the cremated remains.

Other Ministry Notes Continued and Community News

THANK YOU FROM THE KOLBE HOUSE

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COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

The Compassionate Care Ministry is again badly in need of postage stamps for its notes of sympathy and support during the first year following the loss of a loved one. Each bereaved family receives six cards during that year. This means that if there are ten funerals during a period of one month, 50 stamps are needed in that month alone. Your generous donations have meant so much in the past and we are very grateful. If you are able to contribute to this worthwhile ministry in this way, it will be very much appreciated. Simply put them in an envelope marked **CCM** and drop them off at the parish office—or right into the collection basket on Sunday. Thank you.

THE LEGACY GUILD



Scholarship Applications

Do you know a student in LT School District 204 who has lost a parent and is in need of college scholarship help?

The Legacy Guild, a La Grange-area not-for-profit that was formed in 2012, will be accepting applications from 1/10/17 – 3/24/17. Deadline is March 24th for the 2017-2018 school year. See "TheLegacyGuild.com", and select Scholars and see Application section for more details.

Spring Event

The Legacy Guild – Feb 25th Spring Event at Fitzgerald's Nightclub in Berwyn. Help us provide college scholarships for local students who lost a parent. Sponsor the event, purchase tickets to attend, donate auction prizes! All are appreciated!

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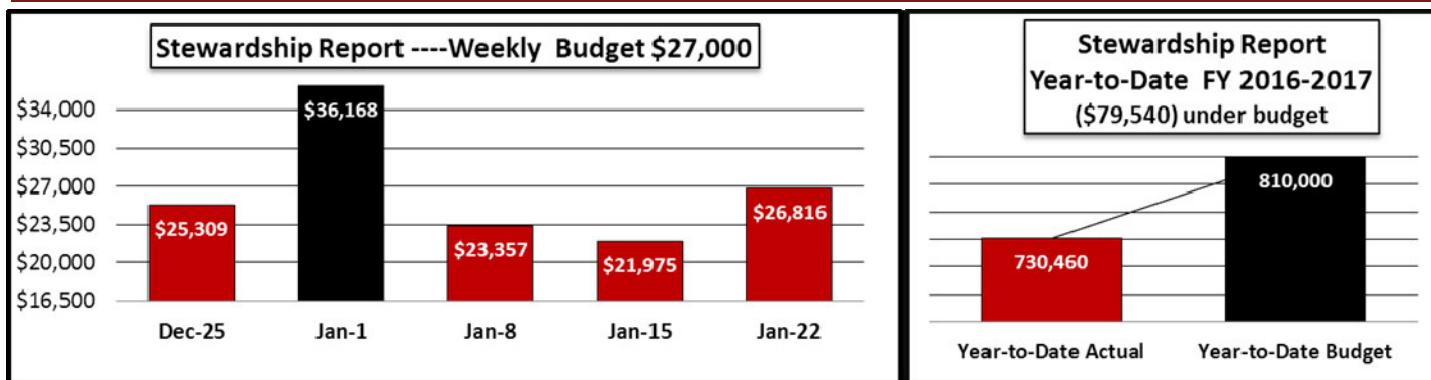
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Week at a Glance

| C...Church | S...School (Education Building) | Narthex...Church Vestibule | RB...Rectory Basement | MH...Morrissey Hall |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---------------------|
| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT | |
| Sunday, January 29 | All Masses 9:30am 10:30am 4:00pm | Narthex Church School S Music Rm | Cabaret Ticket Sales Catholic Schools Week Mass Catholic Schools Week Open House Teen Choir Rehearsal | |
| Monday, January 30 | 4:00pm 8:30pm | S Music Rm MH | Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball | |
| Tuesday, January 31 | 7:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm | Rectory S Rm 207 MH | RCIA Men's Prayer Group Boy's Church League Basketball | |
| Wednesday, February 1 | 9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm | RB S Rm 98 MH | Mission Ladies CREDO Boy's Church League Basketball | |
| Thursday, February 2 | 5:00pm 7:30pm 9:00pm | S Music Rm S Music Rm MH | Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boy's Church League Basketball | |
| Friday, February 3 | 7:30pm | MH | Cabaret: Dueling Pianos Fine Arts Series Fundraiser | |
| Saturday, February 4 | 11:00am 5:00pm | Church Narthex | First Reconciliation Welcome Committee | |
| Sunday, February 5 | All Masses | Narthex | Welcome Committee | |

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY 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 2016 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.

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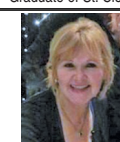


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