

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you
TRUST IN GOD
you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
— Sirach 15:15–16



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



FEB. 21: St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Meeting
MAR. 1: Ash Wednesday
APR. 1: St. Cletus Spring Auction

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of February 13 - February 19, 2017

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Eileen Peters - Special Intention
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Lee Chvatal, Anthony Curran, Alfred Mozdzen, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Joseph Viececi, Peter De Rivera
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Bridie Heslin
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	John J. Kurland, Paul Budvitis
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Walhood, Delphine Marciszewski, Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise, Jr.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Delphine Marciszewski St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Stacy Baker, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Nicolas Martinez Stacy Baker, Jeanne Charlier Paasch Ernest Blecic, Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Frank & Pauline Miller, Stanley Stechly Stacy Baker, Oliver Headley, Delaney O'Connell, Betty Travinicek, Gene Kennedy Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...



Ryan Joseph Condron

Son of Ashley Miller & Brian Condron

Gretchen Yu Kuang

Daughter of Lindsay Rapacki & John Yuang

Pearl Lynn Summers

Daughter of Amie Pierce & James Summers

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

Barbara and Ernest Watts **Carmen Reyes**

Donna Kurcz **Gary & Laura Pecyna**

Nancy & Scott Grah **Mary Tromiczak**

Norbert Gonzalez, Jr. **Carol Cabrera-Gomez & Richard Gomez**

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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



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

Eddie Styler

Nephew of Debbie Lestarczyk

Mary Alice Cooke

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

February

Joy Wettstein

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, Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydel, Adriana Pecheo, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecheco, 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...

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

In his book "Jesus of Nazareth," Pope Benedict XVI tells the fascinating story of a Jewish scholar, brought up with Christian friends and deeply respectful of Christianity, and above all our Lord. The scholar's own book, entitled "A Rabbi Talks with Jesus," tells how he pictures himself in Jesus' company, listening to him, watching him, accompanying him on the way to Jerusalem, even engaging him in conversation. He joins the crowd, for example, that gathers around Jesus as he is about to deliver the Sermon on the Mount. In his imagination, the Rabbi would have heard the very words that we have just heard in today's Gospel.

And what is the result? He is both attracted and troubled. Attracted by the purity and loftiness of Jesus' teaching; yet at the same time troubled, for he sees that Jesus is claiming equality with God, and for such a pious Jew that seems a blasphemous pretension. And so finally the rabbi walks away, but rather sadly. Still full of admiration for Jesus, he is unable to accept a claim that to him is incompatible with his Jewish faith. "I now realize", he writes, "only God can demand of me what Jesus is asking."

How right the rabbi was! In his Gospel St. Matthew portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. It was on a mountain, Mount Sinai that Moses delivered the Law of God. Now it's on a mountainside, in the Sermon on the Mount, that Jesus delivers the new law. When he says, "You have learned how it was said to our ancestors..." his audience knows at once that he is referring to Moses, and to the Law that Moses had received from God on Sinai. And when he says, "But I say this to you..." they realize, at once and with some anxiety that he is claiming to be greater than Moses. In fact, he is putting himself on a par with God; he is claiming to speak with God's authority; he is daring to adjust God's Law. But it is an adjusting, not a revoking of the Law; as Jesus explains, he has come "not to abolish (the Law and the Prophets) but to complete them", to reveal their deepest implications, to point to the more demanding virtue that they entail.

So, according to the Law, murder is wrong: yes, says Jesus, but so too is anger, which so easily flares into violence; indeed, it is better not to come to worship if you harbor hatred for a sister or brother. According to the Law, adultery is wrong: yes, says Jesus, but so too is looking lustfully at another human being for that is, at least in intent, a violation of the other. According to the Law, lying under oath is wrong: yes, says Jesus, but the

fact that oaths are taken at all is a sign of lack of trust and openness; certainly, between Christians, a "Yes" or a "No" should be all that needs to be said.

Jesus insists that Christian morality means a great deal more than external respectability. The expression "depth psychology" refers to a psychological approach that examines the deepest parts of human experience. What Jesus presents is a "depth morality", a morality that affects us to the depths of our being.

Even in Old Testament times the Jews did not understand the Law in simply legalistic terms. They knew that it was something more than rules and regulations; they believed that it was God's loving instruction, God's guidance of God's people. And so they would pray, as we did in the response to today's Psalm, "They are happy who follow God's law!"

Jesus himself tells us that in the end the whole of the Law and the Prophets hangs on the double commandment of loving God and loving our neighbor. Moreover, it is in rising to this twofold love that we prove our love for him. "If you love me", he will tell his friends in John's Gospel, "keep my commandments." This is a hard love, a demanding love. It is true, as the rabbi realized, that only God can make the demands that Jesus makes on us. However, it is also true that Jesus not only makes demands of us – for, because Jesus is God, he also enables us to live out those demands in our daily lives.

Peace in Christ Jesus,



Fr. Bob
Pastor



Parish School



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DATES TO REMEMBER

D4D Night at Chipotle..... Feb. 15
Second Trimester Ends..... Feb. 24
St. Cletus Spring Auction..... April 1

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Building Character

(Pictured above left) 5th-8th grade students attended a cyber bullying presentation given by a Chicago Detective. With the awesome responsibility of technology, students learned how to protect themselves and others while using technology. Parents were invited to an evening presentation as well.

(Pictured above right) Students in grade pre school through 2nd grade enjoyed a spirited assembly about proper dental health from "Land of Smiles". Students were given bags with tooth care essentials to take home.



A Red and White Tradition

Each year Catholic Schools Week closes with the famed Red and White games. Each grade is divided by home room into red and white teams which compete all day in volleyball games. The excitement can be felt (and heard) throughout the school. This year Team Red won the bragging rights but the whole school was filled with spirit and comradery and that is what makes St. Cletus School such a special place.

Invention Convention

After completing their unit on simple machines our fifth graders put their newly gained knowledge to work and designed inventions using simple machines. They showed off their invention projects at the Catholic Schools Week Open House and to their peers last week during class.



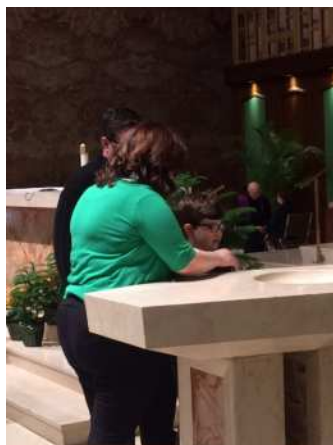
Return of Spiker Nation

Another year of St. Cletus boys volleyball is approaching. This new offering started last year and has gained a lot of traction. If any adults would like to help coach as we build our program please reach out to the St. Cletus Athletic Director at cbourjaily@stcletusparish.com.

Religious Education

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On Saturday, February 4th we had 130 students from the parish celebrate the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time! It was a lovely and moving service, and our students were full of joy after receiving God's forgiveness! Thank you to our amazing Catechists who have journeyed with the children to this sacrament, to our parents who model forgiveness and mercy to their children every day, and to the many priests who were present to our children in this sacrament on Saturday. What a day to celebrate!



Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Canned/dry milk
- Boxed potatoes
- Oatmeal
- 2 or 3 lb. Rice
- Jelly

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.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing help in stocking our pantry shelves! Thank you for checking dates on all your non-perishables to make sure we can distribute them.



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

WHAT IS FOOD INSECURITY?

Food insecurity is the condition where people cannot reliably access adequate, nutritious food. Lack of financial and other resources can cause it. People who are food insecure struggle to avoid hunger, a more narrow physiological condition. Hunger is what you feel when you don't have enough to eat. Food insecurity is the set of circumstances that prevent your access to food.

Food Insecurity Facts

- One in seven people in Cook County will experience food insecurity this year.
- The Food Depository serves more than 812,000 individuals or 232,100 households each year.
- Food insecurity varies greatly across the county. In some communities, more than half of all residents are food insecure.
- Food insecurity is usually episodic and often cyclical. People may require assistance a single time, for a few months, or on a more regular basis.
- There is no one face of food insecurity. The need varies among children, older adults, people with disabilities, veterans, the working poor, and others, as does the best way of reaching them.
- Making tradeoff decisions between paying for food and other basic needs such as medical bills and housing is common among Food Depository clients.
- Many food insecure households do not qualify for federal nutrition assistance programs.

www.chicagosfoodbank.org

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.

*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 OPPORTUNITIES

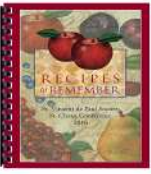
1) We are in need of some helping hands in assembling the rice bowls to be used in this year's parish Lenten Almsgiving Project, which will support Catholic Relief Service's humanitarian efforts throughout the world. This project will take place in the **St. Cletus Education Building -Room 213** on **Wednesday,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

2) We need help handing out Rice Bowls after ALL MASSES March 4-5. All ages welcome.

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 this weekend! 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 - Week 2

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, February 14, 7-9 pm at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue for the second of five consecutive Tuesday sessions. Our keynote speaker, Dennis Hamilton, will provide a special presentation on identifying your skills and quantifying your accomplishments which are keys to preparing a compelling resume and "elevator speech". Interested in making an entire career change? Dennis will also discuss how to assess your skills and prepare a strategy to make the change you're looking for. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com. All are encouraged to attend every session to get the most out of this Boot Camp.

How to Organize Your Job Search

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, February 15, 7-9 pm for a lively, interactive and informative presentation on how to better organize your job search. Whether you are unemployed or employed, seeking another opportunity is a process. One of the most important parts of successfully making it through your search is to stay organized. Our speaker, Steven Rosenblum, will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvent, lead and succeed in your search! He will share many of his experiences and best practices, which will also be extremely helpful. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs.

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

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization who works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons Township and surrounding communities. Over 80 volunteers provide escorted transportation to doctor's appointments, therapies, and quality of life errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church. We take our clients with disabilities to their places of employment. There is no cost to our clients, and we rely solely on private donations, grants, fundraisers, and church support for funding. And we need you!

Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an information packet, visit us on the web at www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org, and like us on Facebook. Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

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!'"

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



OFFICE OF HUMAN DIGNITY & SOLIDARITY IMMIGRATION MINISTRY

Support the BRIDGE Act and Protect DACA Youth

"To remove DACA protections would put hundreds of thousands of young people at risk of deportation, cutting short their dreams of a better future...Deport them, and we deport their potential to make our nation stronger... we deport our future builders of bridges, teachers of children, savers of lives...we deport our fundamental values as Americans."

- Cardinal Blase Cupich (01/09/17)

Under the BRIDGE Act, young people who came to the United States as children would maintain their eligibility to work and live in the U.S. without the fear of deportation and family separation so long as they meet certain requirements.

ACTION: Join the U.S. Catholic bishops in support of protecting over 750,000 young people who have benefitted from DACA by asking lawmakers to support and co-sponsor the Bridge Act. Send a postcard from the Justice for Immigrants' homepage at www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Youth Ministry

MISSION TRIP 2017 - JULY 16-22ND



Are you being called to « bring good news to the poor » ??? Our Mission Trip this summer is organized by Young Neighbors in Action and will take place July 16th-22nd. We will serve the community of South Bend, IN. The exact details of our work are still being worked out, but possibilities include serving at one of many organizations set up to minister to the homeless and centers for at-risk children. Registration details are available on the website. If you are interested, please submit your application ASAP. 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. Without you, this opportunity cannot be offered. Contact Elizabeth for details to see if this is something meant for you!

ENCOUNTER SMALL GROUPS - FEB. 12TH

Our next gathering for Encounter Small Groups is Sunday, February 12th from 4 :00-5 :30 pm! All groups will meet on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. Please enter at the school's main entrance. Join us for conversation and fellowship! All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY SUNDAES - FEB. 15TH

Our next Wednesday Sundaes takes place this week on February 15th. Join us at 7pm in the church for some prayer and reflection time, and then follow us to the Youth Ministry room for ice cream, conversation, and foosball!



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SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Cletus School.

Come into the new Chipotle at 5801 S. La Grange Rd. in Countryside on Wednesday, February 15th between 4:00pm and 8:00pm.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Cletus School.



CHIPOTLE

MEXICAN GRILL

Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Other Ministry Notes

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS MEETING

The Pastoral Care Ministers meeting will be Sunday, March 5th at 12:15pm

This meeting is for all Ministers involved in the:

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

Compassion 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 201 and lunch will be provided. Please let me know if you are coming in order that I can plan refreshments.

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

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 11:30 am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
7:00 p.m. Hospitality; 7:30 Business Meeting
Room 98 in the Education Building
(Enter through the EAST doors...look for the signs!)

We were delighted with the attendance at our initial meeting in January...and with the very positive "volunteer" response. On February 21st we will continue to move forward; By-laws are in the process of being written; Our Board will be established; there is still much to be done! To those who joined us in January...please come again and remember to bring a friend! To **all** women of the Parish...we look forward to welcoming you! Questions? Please call/text: 708-710-0644

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY NEEDS POSTAGE STAMPS

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.

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Fr. Bob, Debbie, Bobbie, Mary & Elizabeth

St. Cletus School Spring Auction

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2017 Spring Auction



Event Details

Saturday, April 1st at Capri Banquets in Countryside

5 pm Doors Open for Tip Off & Cash Bar

6:30 pm Open Bar Includes Beer & Wine

10:30 Check-Out & Cash Bar Begin, 11 pm Event Ends

Casual Attire | \$75/person includes Final 4 Games shown on giant screen, DJ, food, beer, wine, raffles

Silent Auction Items Needed

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

Instant Wine Cellar

St. Cletus School needs 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, to be chosen during The Hoopla Spring Auction taking place on April 1st, will receive 50 bottles of fine wine valued at over \$1,200!

In order to make the raffle a success, we need your help. We are requesting donations of bottles of wine (red or white) with a price tag of \$25.00 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.

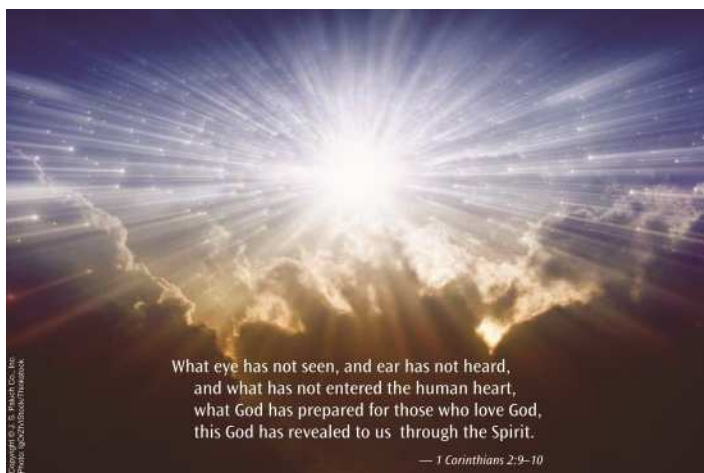
Please contact us with any questions at (773)562-1104.

Thank you, Scott and Stacey Aulinskis.



More information can be found on our website - auction.stcletusschool.com

Sunday Notes



CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Marriage Day
 Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine’s Day
 Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o’clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ’s victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ’s victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day “good”? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name “God’s Friday.” The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as “The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation.” Other languages make do with “Holy Friday.” In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it “Long Friday,” a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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

THE CURE

The only known cure for fear is faith.

—Lena K. Sadler

Community Bulletin Board

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 4 & 5 at Our Lady of the Angels, House of Prayer, 13820 Main St. Lemont, IL. (Also on March 25 & 26 in Des Plaines). For info or to register call 708-354-7211. Early registration is encouraged.

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!

www.TheLegacyGuild.com, Bob Bock at 708-646-9047

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 17-19, 2017, April 7-9, 2017, or June 9-11, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph invite you to Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, March 4th, from 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. We gather in Welcome Hall, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park.

The topic is presented by Sister Sallie Latkovich, CSJ: **MISSING!!!!** Women of the Bible Missing in the Lectionary, Part 2—New Testament

No RSVP is necessary; this is a drop in event. A free will offering may be made. Questions? Contact Karen: 708-482-5037, khermandemuro@csjoseph.org.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Francis Xavier Church, La Grange is looking to hire a new full-time Director of Youth Ministry. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please see details on the parish website at www.sfxlg.org and click on “Youth Ministry.” To submit an application, please contact Fr. Bill Tkachuk at wtkachuk@sfxlg.org or (708)352-0168.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,” was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish, our Archdiocese, and throughout the world.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

After our parish goal is reached, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

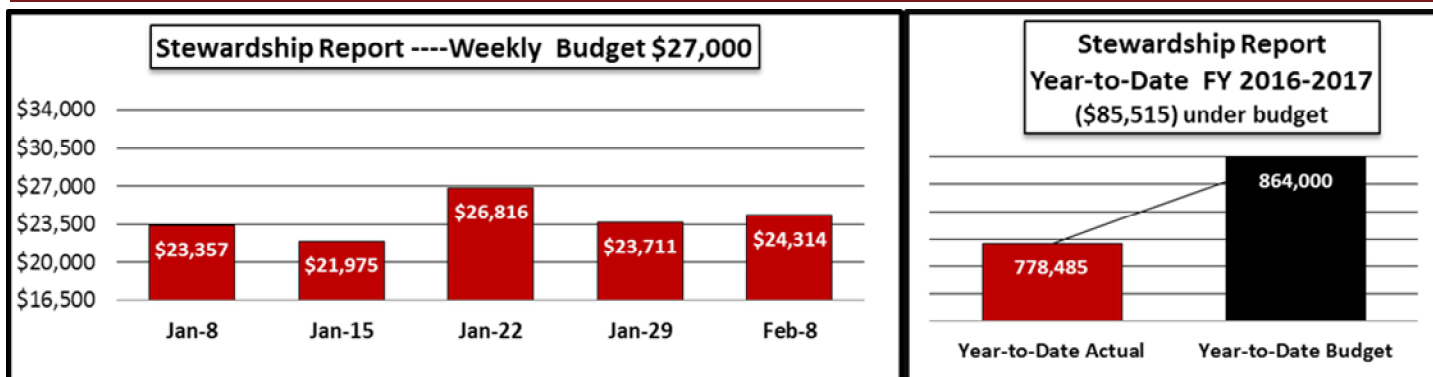


Week at a Glance

C...Church	S...School (Education Building)	Narthex...Church Vestibule	RB...Rectory Basement	MH...Morrissey Hall
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	
Sunday, February 12	All Masses 4:00pm	Narthex S Rm 201/208	SVDP Cookbook Sales Youth Ministry Teen Encounter Group Meetings	
Monday, February 13	4:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Rm MH	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball	
Tuesday, February 14	7:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Rectory S Rm 207 MH	RCIA Men's Prayer Group Boy's Church League Basketball	
Wednesday, February 15	9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	RB S Rm 201 Church S Rm 98 MH	Mission Ladies Volunteer Opportunity - Assembling Rice Bowls "Wednesday Sundaes" Teen Prayer Service and Ice Cream CREDO Boy's Church League Basketball	
Thursday, February 16	5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 9:00pm	S Music Rm S Rm 201 S Music Rm MH	Children's Choir Rehearsal Parent Mission Trip Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boy's Church League Basketball	
Friday, February 17	7:00pm	Church	Hispanic Ministry Prayer Service for Peace and Justice	
Saturday, February 18				
Sunday, February 19				

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.

Name _____ Phone # _____

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