

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



THIRD SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 19, 2017



Jesus said,  
"Whoever drinks the  
water I shall give  
will never thirst;  
the water I shall give  
will become in them a  
spring of water welling  
up to eternal life."

*John 4:14*

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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- MAR. 19: 4pm Fine Arts Series Concert "A Joyful Noise"
- MAR. 24: 7pm Stations of the Cross (Cancer Survivor Group)
- MAR. 31: 7pm Living Stations of the Cross
- APR. 1: St. Cletus Spring Auction
- APR. 3: 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service
- APR. 17: Easter Sunday



## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 20 - March 26, 2017

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	William Garske, Joe Shannon, William Schafer
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Dybas, Wayne Kral
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Glenn Smiley
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Helen Osowski, Edward "Ted" Bruce
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John and Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, Mary Dybas, Matthew Kennedy, Special Intention - Kalembe Family Maryellen and John Salvato, Henry and Darlene Krueger, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevack Walter Maveety, Jim Maveety, Hetal Maveety, Josephine Makutas, Leyla Zavislak-Barry Gene Kennedy, John Husich, Madeleine McNulty, Edward LaPaille St. Cletus Parishioners

### ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY



We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Turn to page 6 for more information. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

### 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. Above are some pictures of the inside of the new building.

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

#### March

Jennie Ficaro, Ann Smith Walls

#### February

Joy Wettstein, Susan Star, Ernie and Katarina Dufner

#### January

Cynthia Cozen, Gerda Dorso, Jack Falsey, Gail Saban, Dr. Brigitta Sonnenkalb, Robert Stoinski, Amber Taylor, Catherine Troyner, and Jenna Zimmerman, Ernest Dufner, Frannie Grybis, and Theresa Cimaglia, Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydel, Adriana Pecho, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecho, 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.*

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be sent to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5:00p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

# Notes from Fr. Bob...


## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Few people need reminding that the resources of our small planet are limited. We can no longer plunder them at will, without a thought for the future. In particular there have been many warnings about erosion of the earth's supply of oil and many appeals to limit the use of the private car in order to reduce pollution of the atmosphere and conserve the supply of oil-based products. It is only more recently that we have begun to hear claims that it is water that should be our main concern... Not only because the water available for human consumption is limited and the number of people drawing upon it ever increasing, but also because water is absolutely vital to life of every kind. No water – no life; the equation is as stark as that.

Water is basic in a way that other natural resources are not. That is why the people of the Bible, just like every other group throughout the course of human history, show immense concern for their water supply. Today's first reading describes how Moses was faced with open rebellion over this very issue. The people felt they would be better-off back in Egypt as slaves than be 'tormented with thirst' in the desert.

As we turn to the gospel the theme of water reappears. We find Jesus asking the Samaritan woman for a drink, but then telling her – no doubt to her utter amazement – that he is able to offer her something more. "Living water" he calls it. And he goes on to say something still more extraordinary – that whoever drinks of the water he has to offer will "never be thirsty again", that it will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. Later in the gospel it becomes clear that what Jesus is offering under the symbol of water is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. By his death on Calvary, he will release the Holy Spirit like a flood upon all humanity. That Spirit will be more refreshing, more life-giving than any ordinary water could ever be, and ultimately will lead to eternal life.

The same idea appears just as powerfully in the second reading. Paul, writing to the Christian community in Rome, reminds them that "what proves God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners". It's his death that enables us to look forward in hope to sharing in God's glory. And this hope, Paul insists, is not going to disappoint us, because – and these are his exact words – "because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us". The Holy Spirit, the love which binds Father and Son in perfect unity, is poured out upon us, tiny creatures. How can we hear Paul talking about God's love being poured



into  
our hearts  
without thinking of a  
great river overflowing its banks  
and sweeping across the surrounding countryside? As it  
does so it brings new life into existence, it transforms the  
landscape, it makes all things new.

This season of Lent is meant not only as a time of preparation for Easter but also a time of preparation for the sacrament of baptism or, in the case of those already baptized, of renewing our baptismal commitment. Today's readings, especially the passage of St. Paul, give us a new way of looking at baptism. When a person is baptized it is like a giant river being diverted to flow in a new direction, but this time the river is the Holy Spirit, God's own boundless love, and it is diverted so as to course into the heart of the newly baptized. The Holy Spirit comes to us to free us from sin but also to stay with us at the centre of our being. His presence transforms us, makes us the sons and daughters of God, leads us step by step towards that eternal glory where all our deepest yearnings will be satisfied. And so, in the fullest sense of the words, we shall never thirst again.

We may, as I mentioned at the outset, be living in an age where there's danger of water being in short supply, but there'll never be a time when the Holy Spirit is in short supply. God is always waiting to pour his love into our hearts. Whatever we undertake in the way of Lenten exercises will be of value in the measure that they open us up to receive the flood waters of God's love

*Lenten Blessings,*



**Fr. Bob**  
**Pastor**



## Parish School



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### DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome Wednesday Evening Open House ..... March 29  
8th Graders Present the Living Stations ..... March 31  
St. Cletus Spring Auction ..... April 1

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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# BRING ON THE MADNESS



**2017 Spring Auction**

**Saturday, April 1st, 2017**

Capri Banquets  
6240 Joliet Road, Countryside

5:00 - 11:00 pm  
5:00 pm Tip-Off & Cash Bar  
6:30 pm Open Bar—Beer & Wine  
10:30 Checkout & Cash Bar Begins

\$75 per person  
DJ, Food, Wine & Raffles  
Watch the Final Four on a Giant Screen!



## St. Cletus School

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# Welcome Wednesday Open House

JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE OUR PRESCHOOL AND  
KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

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## Wednesday Evening March 29<sup>th</sup> Drop in between 6 - 7p.m.

This is an open invitation intended for all  
families with children ages 3 to 5.

Alternate dates/times available for school tours,  
please contact the school office at 708-352-4820.

### Be a part of the Spring Auction April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Become a Sponsor** - Sponsorships are still available. Please consider showing your support by donating to this exciting event. Sponsorships can be purchase online.

**Buy Tickets** - Tickets are \$75 each. The event is April 1st from 6:30-10:30pm, doors open at 5pm, at Capri Banquets on Joliet Rd. Casual Attire. Pay by check or buy your tickets online.

**Live Auction Raffle** - Would you like first choice of the live auction items? For \$100 you can enter the Live Auction Raffle for the chance to pick one of the live auction items before they go up for bid. Winner will be chosen just before the Live Auction begins.

**Instant Wine Cellar** - We need your help building the St. Cletus Wine Cellar for the Instant Wine Cellar Raffle. We will be selling corks for \$50 per cork. The winner will receive 50 bottles of fine wine valued at over \$1,200! We are requesting donations of bottles of wine (red or white) with a price tag of \$25 and up. Wine donations may be dropped off at the St. Cletus School Office. Don't have time to shop? No problem. We are also accepting monetary donations and will purchase the wine on your behalf. Donations can also be sent to the school office in an envelope marked "Wine Raffle." Please include your name and mailing address with your donation.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

Stop by our table in the narthex or visit  
[auction.stcletusschool.com](http://auction.stcletusschool.com) for more info!



**5th Grade Energy Fair**  
**Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm**  
**Morrissey Hall**

This past year, St. Cletus School earned a competitive grant through the Energizing Student Potential Program. This program allows students to explore energy and conservation as well as teach others about energy. Students have been investigating topics such as renewable energy, oil and natural gas, energy efficiency and conservation during science instruction. All students, faculty, parents and visitors are invited to join us for the Energy Fair where students will share and demonstrate their learning. More information about the grant program can be found at [www.need.org](http://www.need.org)

## Religious Education

### SACRAMENTAL MOMENTS ABOUND IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The past few weeks have been quite busy in the Religious Education Office. Many children have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation as well as First Communion.



One of our Parish School children, Axle Medina, recently celebrated his First Communion during a Sunday Mass. It was lovely to have him share this special sacramental moment with the full support of our parish in the congregation. We are very excited that Axle will now be joining us

regularly at the table of the Lord!

On Saturday, March 4th, over 90 students from the Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Wypych. It was a Spirit-filled and moving celebration for the Confirmandi, Sponsors, Parents and Catechists. We are very proud of our young adults who celebrated this Sacramental moment, and welcome them to embrace new roles in our Church as they look to join different liturgical ministries.

If you did not have the opportunity to see your child's Confirmation photo at the Bishop's Reception, you can go find the link on our website ([re.stcletusparish.com](http://re.stcletusparish.com)) to review and purchase a photo.

Last weekend our Fifth Grade Students on Sunday morning performed the Living Stations of the Cross for their fellow Sunday morning students. They did a fantastic job in leading us all in this sacred and powerful prayer.



### A LOOK AHEAD...

#### March 19 & 20

Regular RE Classes in Session, along with the Good Neighbor Food Drive

#### March 26 & 27 – April 16 & 17

NO CLASSES due to Spring Break and Easter Break



*5th Grade Religious Education Students Performing the Living Stations of the Cross.*





## Social Concerns Ministry

### Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Canned/dry milk
- Juice
- Crackers
- Laundry detergent
- \$10 Jewel Gift Cards

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.

Thanks to all who helped at our March food pantry distribution. Please note, because of Holy Thursday that April food pantry distribution will be held on the third Thursday of the month, April 20. During the food pantry closest to Easter we like to provide each household with a \$10 gift card to Jewel to help supplement groceries, get a special treat, or contribute to their Holiday meal. If you're able to consider donating a \$10 Jewel gift card this month it would be most appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

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

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group**  
**If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence,** this group may be very helpful.

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant at 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.

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

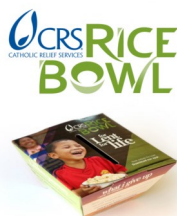
***You are not alone.***



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### LENTEN ALMSGIVING



#### ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

Fernando dreams of becoming a businessman. He also dreams of a better future for his family, and this motivates him to sell cookbooks on San Salvador's buses. It's dangerous work for \$10 a day—gangs frequently stop and harass drivers and passengers—but he keeps going, determined to achieve his dreams.

It was his dreams that led him to YouthBuild, a six-month, CRS-sponsored program that trains young people in business. There, he found a positive community to help him pursue his passion, despite the challenges of life in El Salvador. "When I tell my classmates that I want to do something, they tell me to try it and to not hold back."

Fernando is putting his newfound skills to work. After graduating from YouthBuild in 2016, he took part in a series of entrepreneur workshops organized by CRS and is currently working on a new business plan. "We have a saying," says Fernando. "Once a YouthBuilder, always a YouthBuilder."

The group photo below is of members of Youth Build "Jóvenes Constructores" program supported by Catholic Relief Services and its local partners Glasswing. The program works with at-risk youth giving them workshops, seed capital to start their own business and connecting them with employers. Eighty percent of the youths participating in Jóvenes Constructores get a job or return to complete their studies.

How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



*Photo by Oscar Leiva/Silverlight for Catholic Relief Services*

## CHALLENGES IN THE HOLY LAND TODAY AND WHY IT MATTERS



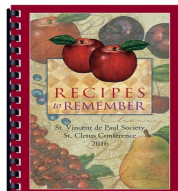
**Monday March 20 at 7pm**

March 20: "One State Two State: The Future of Israel and Palestine" Pauline Coffman

An educator, author, and activist, Dr. Pauline Coffman is known for her faithful service to the regional and national bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and her commitment to peace and justice in the Middle East. Pauline leads the Middle East Task Force of the Presbytery of Chicago and is one of the authors of *Zionism Unsettled: A Congregational Study Guide*, and *Zionism and the Quest for Justice in the Holy Land*. Dr. Coffman is a member of the Chicago Faith Coalition on Middle East Policy and serves as the moderator of the Syria/Lebanon Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Grace Lutheran Church 200 N Catherine, LaGrange, Bernard Lounge 708.352.0730 [www.gracelutheran-lg.org](http://www.gracelutheran-lg.org)

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



Cookbooks will be available again for purchase **at the Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 9!** 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 St. Cletus St. Vincent de Paul Society Cookbook makes for a great Valentine's Day gift! Questions? Call Jerry at 630-849-5857.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!"

- Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017 Respect Life Program



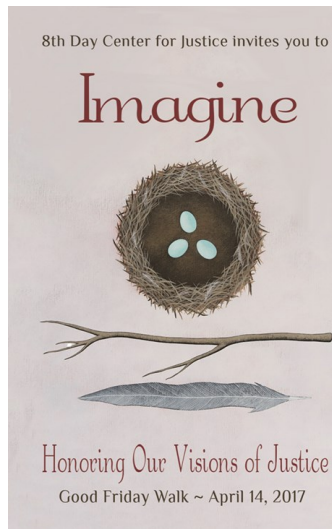
## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

### Free Resume Review

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30-11:30 am. Come in for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional, for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a great opportunity for you or someone you know in a job search. Join us at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

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

## GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE



Friday, April 14th, 2017 12 pm- 3:00 pm

Gather at the corner of Michigan and Congress

IMAGINE: Honoring Our Visions of Justice – asks us to look internally and externally. What does it mean to honor our visions? We hope the 2017 Good Friday Walk for Justice will provide the space to name and explore our visions for a just and peaceful world. Often we

focus on what is missing and we forget to maintain a hopeful vision. In order to honor that hope we recommit ourselves to courageous thought and action in the face of great despair.

Each year we join together for this modern-day Way-of-the-Cross to shed light on unjust societal structures and to reflect on how we can work to dismantle them. Thank you for joining us in this 'holy' endeavor!

For more information please visit [www.8thdaycenter.org](http://www.8thdaycenter.org).

## SOUP & TAIZE THANK YOU

Thanks to all who joined us last week for our Soup & Taize prayer event. A special thanks to St. Cletus Youth Ministry, Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation who sponsored the event and to Mary Beth Ford and Paulette Bolton who prepared a delicious soup for everyone!



## Youth Ministry

### FANNIE MAY EASTER CANDY

The teens who will attend the Mission Trip this summer are raising money by selling Fannie May Easter Candy. Buy your "Eastery" candy from Fannie May tax-free and have it delivered to your door for free! The order form and full catalog is available on our website, [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth). Order forms and checks are due Sunday, March 19th.

### GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE - COACHES FOUND



Thank you to Mike Walsh and Leo Lopez for offering to volunteer their time and talents as coaches for the girls' team! Registration has been extended, and we still have spaces for more girls to join the team.

You can find the registration forms on the website today. Please submit by March 16th!

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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

Contact Elizabeth for sign-up details!

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

			<b>3 oz. Chocolate Bunny</b> 95300 Milk \$3.99 95301 White \$3.99 95302 Dark \$3.99
			<b>6 oz. Chocolate Bunny</b> 95303 Milk \$6.99 95304 White \$6.99 95305 Dark \$6.99
			
<b>5 pack 1 oz Bunny Pops</b> 95010 \$7.99	<b>4 pack 1 oz Chick Pops</b> 95469 \$6.95	<b>4 pack 1 oz Bunny Pops</b> 95451 \$6.95	
			
<b>Bunny Basket</b> 95441 \$29.99	<b>Marshmallow Eggs</b> Milk 95420 \$12.99 Dark 95422 \$12.99	<b>Traditions Tower</b> 95343 \$49.99	

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Bobbie, Mary  
& Elizabeth**



## Other Ministry Notes

### ST. CLETUS CREDO LIBRARY TURNS 5!

The library is FIVE years old. We have over 1,600 books and DVDs that have been donated, and over 300 are currently checked out. Due to limited space on the library cart we can only have a portion of the library on display each month, and books are changed regularly and with respect to the church calendar (Advent, Lent, etc.).

We will be doing our annual inventory at the end of March. So if you have any books out that you have had for over six months, please return them as soon as possible.

Your gifts have made the library possible. Thank you, and please continue to leave donations in the returns basket. We are especially looking for Catholic books in Spanish to add to the library.

Each year when we do the inventory, we are disheartened by the number of books that are missing. The number is nearing 400. If you have a book that you did not check out, please bring it back. When we do the inventory, we will be putting bright green stickers on all the books with a reminder to return them, which we hope will cut down on the books that do not find their way back to the library.

Also, a reminder to leave your NAME and PHONE NUMBER on the card when you check out a book.

Thanks, CREDO

Continuing Religious Education Opportunities

### ACCOMPANYING THE “DEAR NEIGHBOR” AT TALLER DE JOSÉ



In this season of Lent, we are invited into a deeper commitment to live our Christian life. We make promises to fast and pray more. We are invited to “give alms,” to share our resources with our neighbors who are in need. This year the St. Cletus community is invited to share its resources with the neighbors served by Taller de José.

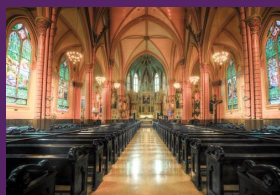
Taller de José is a community resource center, located in Chicago’s Little Village, which offers accompaniment to people in need, connecting people to services and services to people. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Taller de José exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus, “that all may be one.” The staff of Taller de José offers companionship and personal attention to underserved people to help them to navigate the social service system and connect them to the resources they need. While accompanying a client, the staff is a supportive presence, at times offering information, translation, direction, emotional support, and advocacy for the client.

Won’t you accompany Taller de José in this ministry of accompaniment? On Holy Thursday, please consider making a donation at St. Cletus Parish. All donations received on Holy Thursday will help to provide our sisters and brothers in need with the support and guidance offered to all, free of charge, at Taller de José. You can also donate online at [www.tallerdejose.org](http://www.tallerdejose.org).

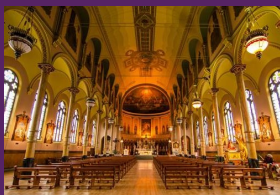
ST. CLETUS PARISH



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH



ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA



ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS



ST. HYACINTH BASILICA



## The Visit of the Seven Churches

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, right after Holy Thursday Mass we will be visiting churches following the ancient tradition of “The Visit of the Seven Churches.” This tradition originated in Rome. It was the custom for the faithful of the Early Church to visit the seven major basilicas as penance. The tradition today calls us to accompany Jesus in his agony by visiting seven Catholic churches and, for an indulgence, to pray for the intentions of the Pope.

St. Cletus Parish will take part with our own parish and then visit 4 additional churches. The remaining churches are for you to visit on your own if you wish to do so.

A bus(es) will be waiting outside St. Cletus after our 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass. If you plan to join us, please contact the rectory at (708) 352-6209 to ensure we have adequate transportation. Thank you.

## Other Ministry Notes Continued

### NOTE FROM DEACON CASAS



I would like to invite everyone to a Holy Hour each Tuesday during Lent at 6 p.m. in English, followed by the Hora Santa en Español at 7 p.m. Please join us for meditation and prayer.

### ST. CLETUS CCW (COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN)



Did you know if you were a woman between the ages of 18 and 118 you already belong to this women's group? YES! All women are already members!

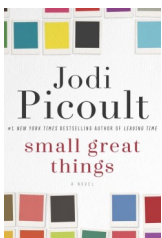
Our newly formed CCW will be meeting on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00pm and we have an exciting speaker lined up for the evening:

Ed Kuchta, MASTER GARDENER, will speak about the ease of home herb gardening and offer several recipes in his presentation entitled "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme".



Please join us – ALL are invited!!!

### BOOK CLUB



The St. Cletus Book Club will meet on Tuesday evening, April 25th, at 7p.m. We will meet in Room 102 in the school. The book to be discussed is: *Small, Great Things*, by Jodi Picoult. All interested participants are most welcome, so join us for a fun discussion of this current book.

### DONATIONS FOR MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO SUCRE BOLIVIA

In response to the Gospel call of Jesus Christ, it is our mission to reach out in service, relief, and friendship to our brothers and sister around the globe. Teams from the Diocese of Joliet are asking our parishioners to help by donating over the counter medications. These medications include: Advil, Tylenol, Aleve, Natural tears, Eye drops,

Vitamins (for adults and children), Tums, Cortisone creams, and Anti diarrheal medicines. Please make sure your donations are not expired and unopened.

The mission team will perform surgeries and other medical procedures for patients that are in dire need. It is a blessing to be able to help. Donations should be brought April 1-2. There will be baskets in the narthex to receive your donations. Anything you can bring will be greatly appreciated. I can also pick up the meds if not able to bring to church at your home, just call Corina Parga at 708-785-7624. Thanks again for your generosity, may God bless you abundantly.

### Finding strength and hope through the way of the cross: a journey with cancer

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24 AT 7:00 P.M.**

It is difficult to imagine anyone in today's world whose life has not been touched by cancer in some way. As a cancer survivor, I used the Stations of the Cross as a framework for this contemporary evening of healing and hope. The uplifting stories, prayers and music weave together the lessons I have learned – that when something frightening drops on our doorstep, God gives us opportunities as well. And, that Jesus, on his journey to the cross, really taught us how to be strong. While everyone's cancer experience may be different, we share commonalities that help us realize we are not alone. And, like Jesus, we can choose to help light the way for others.

It has been our privilege for our team to present these Stations of the Cross more than 20 times at churches throughout the Chicago and Joliet dioceses. We hope you will join us in prayer at St. Cletus this Lent.









St. Cletus Parish

# Lent 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH 19</b> 4:00pm "A Joyful Noise" Free Concert 	<b>MARCH 20</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Hora Santa	<b>MARCH 22</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b> 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	<b>MARCH 24</b> 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Cancer Survivor Group) 	<b>MARCH 25</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
<b>MARCH 26</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Hora Santa	<b>MARCH 29</b>	<b>MARCH 30</b> 2:00pm School Living Stations of the Cross	<b>MARCH 31</b> 7:00pm Living Stations (Presented by the 8th grade students)	<b>APRIL 1</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 3</b> 7:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service	<b>APRIL 4</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Spanish Holy Hour	<b>APRIL 5</b>	<b>APRIL 6</b> 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	<b>APRIL 7</b> 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Social Justice)	<b>APRIL 8</b> 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
<b>APRIL 9</b> Palm Sunday 11am Family Mass	<b>APRIL 10</b>  PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY	<b>APRIL 11</b> 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Hora Santa	<b>APRIL 12</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b> No 8am Mass 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	<b>APRIL 14</b> No 8am Mass 9:30am Via Crucis en Español in MH 11:30am Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Christo en Español in MH 1pm Pasión del Señor y Adoration del la Cruz en Español in MH 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord	<b>APRIL 15</b> No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
<b>APRIL 16</b> Easter Sunday	<b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:</b> 7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, & 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish) 					

## Community Bulletin Board

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES



**JOYFUL NOISE**

**MARCH 19, 2017**  
**4:00 P.M.**

*ED Ward*  
FINE ARTS SERIES  
AT ST. CLETUS LA GRANGE, IL

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH 600 W. 55<sup>TH</sup> ST. LA GRANGE  
FREE ADMISSION

### JOYFUL AGAIN!

Presented by Joyful Again Widowed Ministry

Joyful Again! Program for Widowed Men and Women who want to find joy in living again.



When: March 25 & 26, 2017

Where: Presence Medical Center, 100 N. River & Golf Rds, DesPlaines

Call: 708-354-7211 to register.

### NORTH RIVERSIDE PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENTS KISS ME, KATE

March 31, April 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 2017

Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m. Sundays 2:30 p.m.

Scheck Village Commons, North Riverside, Illinois

[www.nrplayers.com](http://www.nrplayers.com) 708-512-7015

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### Looking to Make a Change in Your Life?

The Counseling Department of Catholic Charities provides counseling services at a variety of locations, including: Our Lady of the Woods in Orland Park, at our Regional office in Worth, at St. Linus in Oak Lawn and St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Parish in Tinley Park.

At one time or another, we all encounter stumbling blocks along the road of life. Counseling offers a safe and non-judgmental therapeutic setting that encourages us to understand our thoughts, feelings and behaviors, gain insight and self-awareness, develop skills and reach our goals.

Our Counseling Department accepts BC/BS PPO and Aetna insurance plans, and we also offer subsidized fees to those who qualify. To learn more about these counseling services please go to [www.catholiccharities.net/holbrook](http://www.catholiccharities.net/holbrook) or to make an appointment, please call us (312) 655-7725.

### NAZARETH HOSTS HONORS OPEN HOUSE

Prospective 6th and 7th grade students and families are encouraged to get to know more about Nazareth Academy's Honors and Advanced Placement curriculum on Wednesday, April 5, from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

The evening will include:

- a general overview of the Nazareth curriculum, with particular focus on advanced coursework
- testimonials from current Honors & AP students
- guided tours to interactive sessions highlighting the Honors and AP curriculum in English, Math, World Languages, Science and Social Studies.

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708.387.8505 or [kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com](mailto:kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com).

Nazareth Academy, 1209 W. Ogden, La Grange Park  
[www.nazarethacademy.com](http://www.nazarethacademy.com)

## The Office for Human Dignity & Solidarity Lenten Calendar

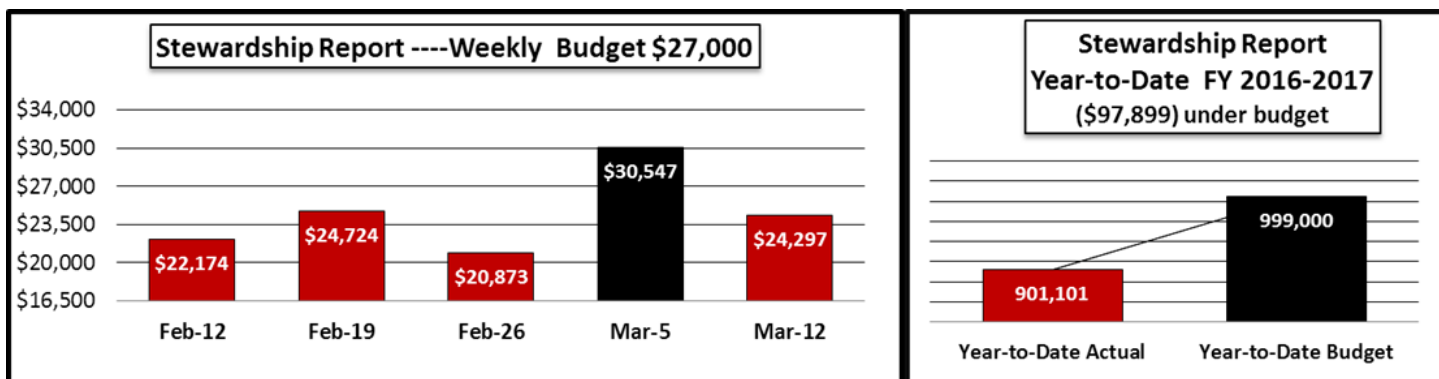
<p>19- 3rd Sunday of Lent Reflect on Jn 4: 5-42: Let us imitate Jesus in our encounters with those who are different from us in nationality or religious faith. Let us learn from each other in truth!</p>	<p>20 Feast of St. Joseph St. Joseph was forced to take his family to Egypt to flee Herod's wrath. Pray for all refugees enduring political persecution. <a href="http://www.crs.org/">www.crs.org/</a></p>	<p>21 "Remember your mercies, O Lord." [Ps 25:6] Have mercy on those forced into refugee camps or immigration detention, wherever they may be. <a href="http://www.ICDIChicago.org">www.ICDIChicago.org</a></p>	<p>22 Mt 5:17-19 Jesus came to fulfill the law. Work for legislation that embodies Catholic social teaching and basic human rights. <a href="http://www.cliniclegal.org">www.cliniclegal.org</a></p>	<p>23 Whoever is not with me is against me- Lk 11:23 Live in solidarity with immigrants. Learn the stories of migrant and refugee journeys. Visit <a href="http://www.crs.org">www.crs.org</a></p>	<p>24 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: Love your neighbor as yourself. Mk 12:31 Pray for our neighbors who are being deported every day.</p>	<p>25 Solemnity of the Annunciation "Let's leave fear at the door, not the refugee, and remember we are the land of the free and the home of the brave." —Tweet from Cardinal Cupich, 01-30-17.</p>
<p>26 - 4th Sunday of Lent Reflect on John 9:1-41: In this Gospel, Jesus restores the sight of the man born blind. In what ways have we been blind to the plight of immigrants? Let us ask God for guidance.</p>	<p>27 Today's Reading: "No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there..." [Is 65:19] Pray that parents experiencing the pain of separation from their immigrant children will be comforted by all of us.</p>	<p>28 Today's Gospel: Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." [Jn 5:8] Are we ready to "rise" when called upon to advocate for immigration reform? Call your Congressional rep at 202-224-3121</p>	<p>29 "I will never forget you" [Is 49:15] Tell Congress to take the lead in proposing and passing compassionate immigration Reform. Pray for separated families. Contact 202-224-3121</p>	<p>30 "Mercy is the beating heart of the Gospel"-Pope Francis Do I show joy when I serve others? Do I share Christ's love with all and not allow the present political climate to discourage me?</p>	<p>31 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: So they tried to arrest him, but no one laid a hand upon him, because his hour had not yet come." [Jn 7:30]. Pray for those whose hour of deportation has come and their families.</p>	<p>April 1: Do me justice, O Lord for I am just- Ps7:8 Undocumented immigrants clean our hotels and pick our food. Call for justice for workers seeking legalization or administrative relief. Learn more: <a href="http://www.catholicandimmigrants.org">www.catholicandimmigrants.org</a></p>



## Week at a Glance

C...Church	S...School (Education Building)	Narthex...Church Vestibule	RB...Rectory Basement	MH...Morrissey Hall
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	
Sunday, March 19	All Masses 4:00pm	Narthex Church	St. Cletus School Auction Wine Collection and Raffle Sales Ed Ward Fine Art Series Concert "A Joyful Noise"	
Monday, March 20				
Tuesday, March 21	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	Church Church Church S Rm 207	Holy Hour Hora Santa Council of Catholic Women Meeting Men's Prayer Group	
Wednesday, March 22	9:00am 4:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	RB MH S Rm 98 MH	Mission Ladies <i>Into the Woods</i> School Musical Performance CREDO <i>Into the Woods</i> School Musical Performance	
Thursday, March 23	7:00pm 7:30pm	MH S Music Rm	<i>Into the Woods</i> School Musical Performance Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, March 24	7:00pm 7:00pm	Church S Rm 201	Stations of the Cross Hispanic Ministry Lenten Reflections	
Saturday, March 25	5:00pm	Narthex	St. Cletus School Auction Wine Collection and Raffle Sales	
Sunday, March 26	All Masses 4:00pm	Narthex S Music Rm	St. Cletus School Auction Wine Collection and Raffle Sales Teen Choir Rehearsal and Pizza Party	

## Stewardship Report



### SUPPORT ST. CLETUS PARISH WITH ONLINE GIVING



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



Henry Morlock