



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.*

— 1 Corinthians 10:31



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Living Our Faith Building Our Future - Final Phase

Thank you to all those who have made a donation or pledge so far to this important campaign. We are pleased to announce that currently we are at \$689,604 pledged with \$304,408 already paid.

We encourage everyone to participate so we can make it over the finish line. Keep up the Great Work!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Bob, Pastor

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 14



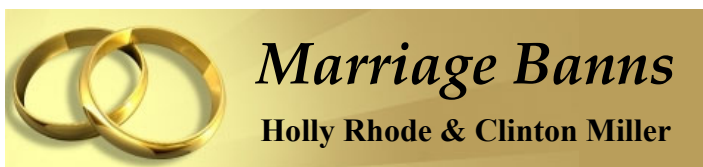
Masses – 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am (school), 6:30pm

Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes – 3:30pm

Spanish Mass and Distribution of Ashes – 7:00pm Parish Center

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 12 - February 18, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Dianne Mahalak
Tuesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Stange
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Lee Chvatel, Paul Rusko, Alfred Mozdzen, Benedict Dybas
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Lawrence Viecele, Special Intention - Rob Stafford, Special Intention - Irene and Stanley Oboy 70th Wedding Anniversary
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise Jr., Paul Budvitis, Alice Morris
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Delphine Marciszewski Rosemary Muldoon, Dennis Gabriel, Jay Wilkins, Ken Kakareka, Georgia Popp, Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Fisher Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Fisher	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John & Frances Kennedy, Stacy Baker, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney Delphine Marciszewski, Grochowiak Family Patricia Donovan, Peter May Benedict Dybas, Gene Kenedy St. Cletus Parishioners



Marriage Banns

Holly Rhode & Clinton Miller

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

Elena Martinez and Jesus Gamboa Family

Jenni and Christopher Jacobs Family

Yvonne and Jerome Loos Family

Maryanne and James Muzzillo Family

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

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Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes

3:30pm in Church

Spanish Mass & Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm in the Parish Center

Please see page 5 for a complete listing of Lenten Opportunities.

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

Eileen R. Peters

Angie Marie Canavan

Earl George Stumreiter

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 - Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Sandra Church, Kathryn McCord

January - Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik

December - Frank Colonna, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Kay Petalick, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Evelyn Ulfig, Jean Weekley, Joy Wettstein, Jenna Zimmerman

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is it sheer misery and loneliness that drives the leper in today's Gospel towards our Lord? No doubt he's heard rumors of Jesus' kindly way with the sick and his extraordinary ability to cure them. Well, now that ability will really be put to the test.

The leper sinks down on his knees; he's desperate. "If you want to," he murmurs, "you can cure me." Jesus, we're told, is deeply moved. He's filled with pity or, as some scholars translate, with anger – not of course at the man, but at his disease and its dreadful consequences. In any event, he does what is unthinkable: he stretches out his hand and touches the leper, thereby incurring ritual defilement himself. But how precious that touch is to the leper! It constitutes a breakthrough, a new beginning; he's no longer isolated; at last there's someone who cares for him enough to risk catching his loathsome disease. And then the incredible words which are the passport back to a normal life: "Of course I want to. Be cured." And in that instant the leprosy leaves him.

The healing of leprosy was said to be as difficult as raising the dead. But Jesus accomplishes this apparently impossible task effortlessly. He now asks the cured leper to go at once to report his cure to the priests, and say nothing to anyone in the meantime. That really is asking the impossible. Jesus doesn't want people to seek him simply as a wonder-worker, yet there is surely an understanding smile on his face when he hears that the man is sharing his story with anyone who will listen.

Jesus' touch was important for the leper but it's also important for us. It's one of those actions that speak louder than words, an action which shows that the Lord is inclusive, not exclusive; he draws people towards him, doesn't send them away; he's not unduly concerned about political correctness.

If, as Paul urges in today's second reading, we are to take Jesus as our model, we need to ask ourselves how we treat today's lepers, those who are marginalized. How, for example, do we react to ex-prisoners or even to the innocent families of those in prison? Do we pass by those referred to as "unfortunates" as though they didn't exist? How do we as a community behave towards the divorced and remarried; do we make them feel unwanted? Are we racist, even in our thoughts? Can we find it in our hearts to pray, or experience a shred of sympathy, for the real outsider, such as the pedophile? It's not a question of saying that anything goes but rather of ensuring that we

exclude no
one from our loving
concern.

Some years ago a woman noticed that one of her colleagues, an alcoholic who had got drunk and made an exhibition of herself at an office party, was now being shunned by everyone. She determined to speak to her. All she could say was: "You're not invisible to me, anyway." But for the woman who'd been treated like a leper, it was – well, a kind of little miracle. And we too have it in our power, the power that comes to us through our contact with Jesus at Mass, to work similar little miracles for the outcasts of our world.

God's Blessings Always,



Fr. Bob
Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



This year, the largely secular celebration of Valentine's Day (February 14) coincides with Ash Wednesday and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given. Catholics throughout the world recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayerful reflection and penance, as is evident by the large number of churchgoers on this day. In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday the obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community.

Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which also happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance.

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Auction March 3
 Early Education Open House 6pm March 21
 Spring Break March 26-30

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Tom Chinske, Principal **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**
 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
 tchinske@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com

ST. CLETUS 2018 SPRING AUCTION

Join us for an evening of *fun, food
and friendly wagers*, all to benefit
St. Cletus School!

Hosted in our new **Parish Center**,
we'll have music/entertainment,
past sanctioned televised horse
racing, silent and and live auction
items, and dinner and drinks.



MARCH 3, 2018
6:00 - 11:00 PM

Tickets available online:
auction.stcletusschool.com



Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

Catholic Schools Week got off to a “comfortable” start with pajama day and games with buddies. Students took a break from classwork and have a bit of buddy fun. Each day of the week brought at least one fun activity for students to enjoy in celebration of Catholic Schools.



Coding Cardinals

As part of International Computer Science Week, St. Cletus Students participated in the annual *Hour of CODE*, a program designed to introduce computer programming to students in a fun, easy-to-navigate environment. Students from sixth to seventh grade used a Play Lab theme and received certificates of completion.

St. Cletus Lenten Journey Experiences

JOIN US DURING LENT



Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14)

Masses - 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 am, 6:30pm
Prayer Service and Distribution
of Ashes - 3:30pm

Daily Mass

8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15pm (except Mar. 31st)

Holy Hour

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Feb. 20, 27 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27



Taizé Prayer

Friday Feb. 16 - 7:00-8:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00-8:00pm

Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23

Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday Mar. 22 - 7:00-8:00pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday Mar. 12 - 7:00pm

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday

Mar. 29 - 7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Good Friday

Mar. 30 - 3:00pm

The Easter Vigil

Mar. 31 - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

Apr. 1 - 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
12:30pm (Spanish)

HISPANIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Ash Wednesday 7:00pm
Distribution of Ashes Parish Center Gym

February 16, 2018 7:00pm
Lenten Reflections Parish Center

Saturday Feb. 17, 2018 9:00am
Lenten Mass (Spanish) Church

Saturday Feb. 17, 2018 10:30am to 4:00pm
Lenten Retreat Morrissey Hall

Tuesday Feb. 20, 2018 7:00pm
Holy Hour Church

Friday Feb. 23 7:00pm
Lenten Reflections Parish Center

Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018 7:00pm
Holy Hour Church

Friday March 2, 2018 7:00pm
Lenten Reflections Morrissey Hall.

Tuesday March 6, 2018 7:00pm
Holy Hour Church

Friday March 9, 2018 7:00pm
Lenten Reflections Parish Center

Tuesday Mar. 13, 2018 7:00pm
Holy Hour. + Spanish Confessions Church

Friday Mar. 16, 2018 7:00pm
Lenten Reflections Parish Center

Tuesday Mar. 20, 2018 7:00pm
Holy Hour Church

Friday Mar. 23, 2018 7:00pm
Lenten Reflections Parish Center

Tuesday Mar. 27, 2018 7:00pm
Holy Hour Church

Friday Mar. 30, 2018 6:30pm
Way of the Cross Pastoral Center Gym

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Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Feb. 18 & 19 NO CLASS due to holiday weekend

Feb. 25 & 26 Regular RE Classes in Session, 8th Grade classes on retreat Sunday from 9:15 a.m. – 12 noon in Morrissey Hall.

March 4 & 5 Regular RE Classes in Session, Good Neighbor Food Drive

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.

On Saturday, February 3rd, over 110 students from the Parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Manz. 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 to Killoran Photography at <https://killoranphotography.smugmug.com/2018-Confirmations> to review and purchase a photo. They should be posted on the website in the coming week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS RETURNING TO ST. CLETUS THIS SUMMER!

Make a Splash this summer at our Shipwrecked VBS!



Venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Spark imagination with faith-building fun! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

Join us June 18-22, 2018

**9 a.m. – 12 noon in the Parish School
Children Kindergarten-4th Grade welcome!**

The fee is \$50 for one child, \$90 for two children. Go to www.stcletusparish.com to register.

We also need Junior High students, High School students and Adults to help! Please join our fun crew!

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS



For More Information about RE and Youth Ministry:
Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com
(708) 352-2383

Support the Youth Ministry Mission Trip Through our Fannie May Easter Candy Fundraiser



Qty	Price	Item
_____	\$3.99	95400 3oz Milk Chocolate Bunny
_____	\$3.99	95401 3oz White Confection Bunny
_____	\$3.99	95402 3oz Dark Chocolate Bunny
_____	\$6.99	95403 6oz Milk Chocolate Bunny
_____	\$6.99	95404 6oz White Confection Bunny
_____	\$6.99	95405 6oz Dark Chocolate Bunny
_____	\$12.99	95406 12oz Milk Chocolate Bunny
_____	\$24.99	95421 8pc Cream Eggs Gift Box
_____	\$12.99	95419 4pc Cream Eggs Gift Box
_____	\$29.99	95441 Easter Basket 6oz Jelly Bird Eggs 3oz Milk Chocolate Bunny Two 1oz foil wrapped chocolate bunnies Two 1oz milk chocolate bunnies 1.5oz Pixie single serve 1.5oz Mint Meltaways single serve One Cherry lollipop
_____	\$5.99	95410 5oz Foil Eggs
_____	\$5.99	95411 5oz Foil Bunnies
_____	\$15.99	95473 2.25oz 4pk Foil Bunnies
_____	\$9.99	95409 12oz Jelly Bird Eggs
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_____	\$9.99	95418 7oz Caramel Pecan Fudge Egg
_____	\$12.99	95422 8oz Dark Marshmallow, Green Striped Box
_____	\$12.99	95420 8oz Milk Marshmallow, Blue Striped Box
_____	\$9.99	95356 5oz Seasonal Assorted Chocolates
_____	\$24.99	95458 1lb Pixies®, Yellow Striped Wrap
_____	\$24.99	89258 1lb No Sugar Added Pixies®
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_____	\$24.99	95460 1lb Mint Meltaways®, Blue Striped Wrap
_____	\$12.99	95457 8oz Mint Meltaways®, Blue Striped Wrap
_____	\$24.99	95425 1lb Spring Mint Meltaways®
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_____	\$24.99	95435 1lb Assorted Creams, Yellow Striped Wrap
_____	\$24.99	95434 1lb Assorted Chocolates, Blue Striped Wrap
_____	\$24.99	89251 1lb No Sugar Added Assorted Chocolates
_____	\$6.99	91027 6oz Milk Chocolate Gimme S'more Snack Mix
_____	\$24.99	91029 10.75oz Mint Meltaway® Wrigley™ Tin
_____	\$7.99	91023 7oz Wrigley Field™ Assorted Mix
_____	\$5.99	91026 5oz Foil Milk Chocolate Baseballs
_____	\$12.99	91030 9pk Cubbies™ Milk Chocolate Bars
_____	\$4.99	91028 2.25oz Cubs™ Milk Chocolate Caramels Baseball

ORDER DETAILS:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Total \$ Paid _____

Please credit my order to:

(name of youth participating in the
2018 youth ministry mission trip)

Please turn in your order and check
payable to St. Cletus by 2/24 to the St.
Cletus Parish Office, in the new Parish
Center, or to a teen participating in
the 2018 St. Cletus youth ministry
mission trip.

Full catalog and order form can be
found at youth.stcletusparish.com.

Social Concerns Ministry

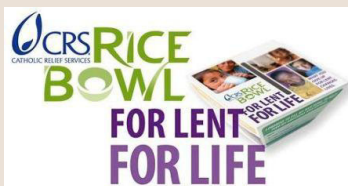
FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)
- Baby wipes
- Baby food
- Pasta sauce
- Tuna
- Cleaning products
- Dry pinto beans (2-3 lbs)
- Canned meals

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

Lenten Service Opportunity



As we prepare for Easter, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after next weekend. All ages are welcome.

Sign up on our website socialconcerns.stcletusparish.com and scroll down to the Lenten Outreach Volunteer Opportunities.

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

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU AND INFORMATION

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.

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Relationship Goals: Values, Respect, Problem-solving - The Domestic Violence Ministry and Youth Ministry of Our Lady of the Wayside parish invite you to a special teen presentation: **Sunday, February 11 from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.** Open to the whole family. No rsvp required. All are invited to the 6:00 pm Mass before the presentation. **Our Lady of the Wayside** (434 W Park St. Arlington Heights) in the Fr. Mackin Center (Middle School Gym). Questions contact Sean at 847.350.8008 or youthmin@olwparish.org.

The Empowerment Project - Sacred Heart Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry and our Pastor, Father Jacek Wrona, invite you to a screening of The Empowerment Project on **Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church Ministry Center (8245 W. 111th St. Palos Hills). RSVP or any questions, please contact Elizabeth Droel at 708-974-3336 X250 or droel@sacredheartpalos.org.

Prayer Service - St. Christina Domestic Violence Outreach Committee will have a Prayer Service for Domestic Violence Victims and their Families on **Monday, February 12th, starting at 7:00 PM**, in the Church, located at 111th Street between Christiana Avenue and Homan Avenue (Chicago). There will be a speaker from The Crisis Center for South Suburbia as well as a Domestic Violence Victim who will share her experience. Associate Pastor, Father Michael Olson will preside. Refreshments will be served afterwards. *(Listing of events continues on page 9.)*

Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month Event - February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. St. Ailbe Domestic Violence Ministry is showing a riveting documentary “Audrie & Daisy” that examines teen sexual assault in the social media age. This is a must see for all teenagers, parents, and caregivers! All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Sunday, February 18 at 1:00pm at St. Ailbe Hall** (9047 S. Harper Chicago). Refreshments will be served.

Support Your Local DV Outreach - Please help support women in need. 100% of the proceeds from the sales of these wine glasses will be donated to the Joint Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus & St. John of the Cross. These gorgeous, stainless steel wineglasses (that say “Find Joy in the Journey”) can be purchased online at: sfxcwcluncheon2018.com. Please consider purchasing a single glass or set of six to support the local women’s shelters and the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach.

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box below. **You are not alone.***



INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Transition Workshop – Last Week! - ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, February 20, 7-9 pm for our final Boot Camp session. A panel of HR professionals will provide phone and onsite interviewing techniques to get the job you want and answer any and all questions about the process. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. Hope to see you at The First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For additional information, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Quarterly Resume Review - Join us on Saturday, March 3, 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. There is no charge for this service. Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5000 South Wolf Road, Western Springs.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at www.interfaithcareednetwork.org.

WORD OF LIFE

“The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it.”



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”
www.usccb.org/end-of-life-considerations

LENTEN OUTREACH

Encounter Lent - Join our faith community-and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the Church Narthex after Masses February 17-18. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



PROMOTING PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Grace Lutheran Church in La Grange (200 N. Catherine Ave.) invites you to attend an event focusing on what is happening in the Holy Land today. On **February 22 at 7pm**, they will host Dr. Paul Parker, Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Religious Studies at Elmhurst College. He will discuss Palestine Today and the fate of Jerusalem. More info at: www.gracelutheran-lg.org.

EAGLE PROJECT ASSISTANCE

I am Patrick Townsend, a sophomore at Lyons Township High School and a 2016 graduate of St. Cletus School. I am a Life Scout with Troop 19 in La Grange and I have been a scout since I was in 1st grade. I am beginning my Eagle project which seeks to help veterans leaving the Hines VA hospital, moving to a permanent residence. I am collecting new cleaning supplies and toiletries. These items can be left in the back of the church for the next two weeks or you can also drop them off in front of Jewel on Feb. 18th. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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TODAY'S READINGS

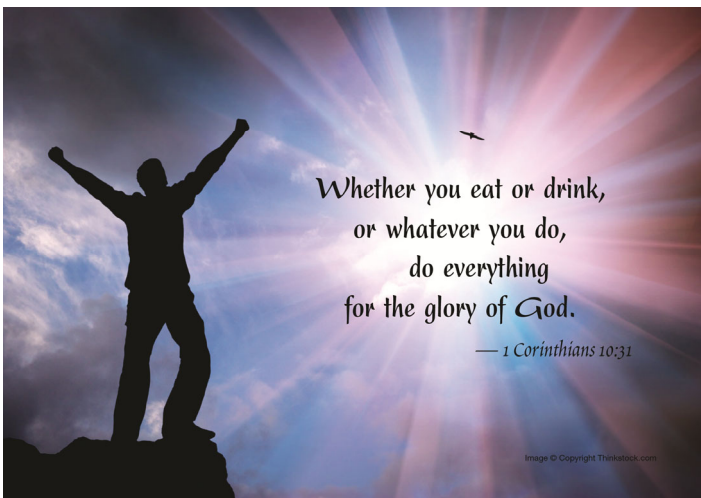
First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick
 Monday: Lincoln's Birthday
 Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast and Abstinence
 Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716
 Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

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

Other Ministry News

ST. CLETUS CREDO LIBRARY TURNS 6!

The library is SIX years old. We have over 1,700 books and DVDs that have been donated, and over 300 are currently checked out. Due to limited space on the library cart we can only have a portion of the library on display each month, and books are changed regularly and with respect to the church calendar (Advent, Lent, etc.).

Once a year we do an inventory, and this year we will do it at the end of February. So **if you have any books, CD's, or DVD's checked out that you have had for over six months, please return them as soon as possible.** You will save us a phone call.

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 450. If you have a book that you did not check out, **please bring it back.** Also, a reminder to leave your NAME and PHONE NUMBER on the card when you check out a book.

Thanks,

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ADULT CONFIRMATION



St. Francis Xavier Church will be hosting a Confirmation program for any Adult Catholics who have received Holy Communion, but for whatever reason, did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sessions will be held on Monday nights, Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, April 9, in Unity Hall. Sessions will go from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, with the exception of March 19, when we will gather at 6:45 pm, attend the Parish Reconciliation Service, and continue until 9 pm. Please also plan to be with us Fri, April 20, 7-8:30 pm in Church with your sponsor for rehearsal. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in St. Francis Xavier Church on Sat., April 21, beginning at 10 am.

Registration is necessary. Details and the registration form can be found at www.sfxlg.org (click Parish, then Sacramental Preparation, then Confirmation), or contact Kate DeVries at kdevries@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

LENTEN BOOKS OF REFLECTIONS

Little Black Books of Lenten reflections will be available next weekend in the narthex.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 p.m. on February 13th in Room 102 of the education building. The book that will be discussed is *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly. The April meeting will be April 10th discussing *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

YOUTH MINISTRY- KAIROS 28 APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Kairos is a 4-day retreat for high school Juniors and Seniors. These retreats are led by Seniors in High School and are hosted by and open to teens of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. We offer four Kairos retreats each year. Our next Kairos retreat, K28, will take place March 15-18. Registration is now open at youth.stcletusparish.com. Please consider joining us for this life-changing retreat!

YM- MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

High School Mission Trip July 8-14, 2018

Young Neighbors in Action - South Bend, IN

Registration details are available on the website. If you are interested, please submit your application ASAP with your \$200 deposit. Applications are due by February 18.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Join us this Friday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. for our Lenten Taizé Service. This is a wonderful way to begin the Lenten Season through scripture, music and prayer. All ages are welcome to attend.



Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN



Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women

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April 21 & 22, 2018 Presence/Holy Family Med Ctr.
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For more info contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry.
Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com,
website: www.joyfulagain.org (Short video on website.)
IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



Journey to Easter - Monday, Feb. 12 7-8:30 PM. Facilitated by Marianne Race, CSJ. \$15.

Ash Wednesday Prayer - "Remember You Are Stardust!" Wednesday, Feb. 14 7-8 PM. Prayer, distribution of ashes and a reflection from Carol Crepeau, CSJ. Cost: Free will offering.

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REFLECT RETREAT



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking to start 2018 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 2-4, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year's resolution you won't regret! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Contact us at 630.222.8303, reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or www.ReflectRetreat.com.

LEGACY GUILD FUNDRAISER



The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Sat., Feb. 24, at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2018 is a rockin' evening featuring Mike & Joe, the Midwest's most renowned cover band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from La Grange.

The Legacy Guild has provided \$478,500 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.TheLegacyGuild.com. Contact Tom Cushing (312.972.8583) with any questions.

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Morning of Meditation - Saturday, February 24, 9:00 - 11:30am, hospitality 8:30am. Unlocking Freedom and Joy: Christian Meditation in Prison. Guest Speaker - James Bishop, International Coordinator for Prison Outreach. Reservations requested but not required.

The groups at SJC are part of the World Community for Christian Meditation (wccm-usa.org, wccm.org). For further info contact Betsy 708-246-8315 wccmchgo@gmail.com.

ST. BARBARA FLEA MARKET

The St. Barbara Council of Catholic Women are planning a Flea Market Saturday March 10, 2018 from 9am to 3pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center. Time for Spring Cleaning. Sell your gently used Household items and enjoy a fun afternoon! Lunch is available. Please contact Alicia Mancini 708 485-2502 to reserve your table.

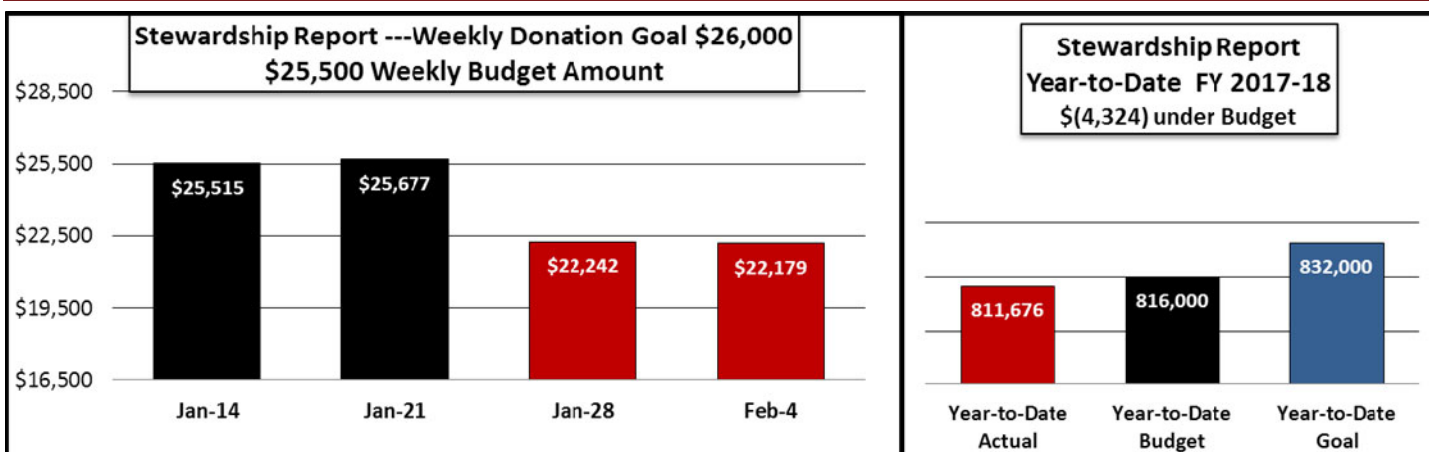
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 11	11:00am	Church	Family Mass
Monday, February 12	4:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Rm PC Gym	Junior Choir Men's Basketball
Tuesday, February 13	6:30pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Rectory School Rm 200 PC Gym	RCIA Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group Boys' Church League Basketball
Wednesday, February 14	9:00am 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Morrissey Hall	Mission Ladies Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, February 15	2:15pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Church School Music Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym	Stations of the Cross (led by the school) Children's Choir Interfaith Community Partners Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, February 16	7:00pm	Church	Taizé Prayer
Saturday, February 17	5:00pm 6:00pm	Narthex PC Gym	CRS Rice Bowl Distribution Boy's Church League Basketball
Sunday, February 18	7:00am	Narthex	CRS Rice Bowl Distribution

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