



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

I, the Lord, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

~ John 2:14-15

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| MAR. 6 | 6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Spanish Holy Hour |
| MAR. 7 | 8:30am St. Cletus School Early Childhood Education Open House |
| MAR. 9 | 7pm Stations of the Cross |
| MAR. 12 | 7pm Parish Reconciliation |



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of March 5 - March 11, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Anne & Chester Koziol
Tuesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	William Schafer, Frank Wojcik
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John McGrath, Virginia Rachford, Anne & Chester Koziol
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Bill & Jane Schafer, Bronislawa Pabin
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention - Rob Stafford
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Joseph Ulfig, Mary Trtol, Dennis Gabriel, Shirley Sharkey, Daniel E. Moore, Ken Kakareka, Georgia Popp, Stella & Felix Gembala, Frank Dunbar, John Battistoni
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Stacy Baker, Bob Thomas, Dorothy Conely, Efrena Aranas Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Lorraine & George Kurland, Frank Skrip Sr. Ken Herzog, Betty Niwa, Gene Kennedy Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This week, there will be envelopes in the pews to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please see page 11 or visit www.usccb.org/ccce. Thank you for your generosity.

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK MARCH 11TH AT 11AM MASS



Please join us at 11:00am Mass next Sunday, March 11th as we celebrate all of the Sisters who have had a presence at St. Cletus Parish and School.

National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) is a dedicated celebration of the nation's 47,170 Catholic sisters and all those who have come before. It is intended to raise awareness of their vital contributions, both past and present. This year we celebrate NCSW March 8 to 14.

Learn more about National Catholic Sisters Week at www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org and follow the campaign on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest and use #NCSW2018 to engage.

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

Marilyn Selig

Mother of Elizabeth Selig

Angie Canavan

Rita Sanchez

Sandy Gonzalez Church

Bill Seaton

Celine Hoskins

Mother of Sarah Carrano

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 - Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill

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...

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

In the last 20 years we have had two world summits about poverty and environmental issues. The first was at Rio in Brazil, the second at Johannesburg in South Africa. They brought together not just governments but also businesses and agencies concerned with aid and the environment. We could say that on both occasions most of the wisdom of the world came together with the chance to improve our relationships with each other and the world in which we live. On both occasions it was felt that the lesser wisdoms of the world ultimately won out. Each group's concern for its own short-term needs and an inability to think in worldwide terms restricted their achievements. Businesses and the governments that back them do not like being required to comply with expensive conditions over emissions and waste disposal. Developed world societies do not like being asked to limit their freedom to travel and receive cheap resources from around the world. Developing societies do not like being asked to pay for others' environmental mistakes. For them industrial development still seems to be the way out of the poverty trap, and yet, if they take that route and increase world pollution, their countries in the tropical and desert zones of the world will again be the ones to suffer most. True wisdom demands restrictions on our consumption together with debt relief and environmentally friendly investment in the developing world, but this would mean giving up too many of what we consider to be our rights.

As the Church's first missionary, St. Paul finds himself constantly face to face with disbelief, rejection and even persecution. Elsewhere he lists all that he personally has had to put up with in the course of his preaching. And he glorifies in such a catalogue, because it brings him closer to his master, the crucified Christ. He finds the Jews and the Greeks offer different barriers to his message. The Jews look for miracles: a problem we find Jesus himself encountering when on home territory, the desire for the all-conclusive sign. In today's Gospel the people ask Jesus for a sign to justify him driving out the money changers from the Temple, and he offers them the sign of his own death and resurrection. This is the same sign that Paul too offers, but it is not an acceptable one. For the Jews it goes against their expectations of an all-conquering Messiah. For the Greeks, looking for a rational world-view, self-sacrifice does not make sense, and the idea of resurrection is bizarre. For them the ultimate aim is to be free from our bodily limitations. Yet both Paul and Jesus, in John's Gospel, insist that this is how the wisdom of God is

revealed. If this appears foolish in our human eyes, it is because God's foolishness is wiser than our human wisdom. It is only through our pursuit of the same path that we can come both to understand and live out that same wisdom in our lives.

The Church believes that ultimately there is no contradiction between matters of faith and reason. This is why it also believes that Christian teachings at their deepest level speak to the world at large and not just to the converted. But our ability to reach the deeper truth and coherence of things by natural means is flawed. It is only through revelation and our faith response that we become able to see things as God sees them. This does not mean that we have a privileged access to a scientific understanding of our world. It does mean that we can bring an ongoing critique to how such understanding is used when it either supports or conflicts with the underlying aims and principles of human and earthly existence. In the ensuing argument it is hoped both sides receive further enlightenment, for the message of the figure of Christ is that real development only comes through the process of dying and rising again. The setting aside of assumptions and the search for the real truth is a painful and humbling process but it is also shot through with glory. We do not have a set of unchanging principles that just have to be followed. We have rather the person of Jesus who moves us dynamically forward to discover the truths we need in a creative and perhaps unexpected way; that is, according to the principle of dying and rising again.

Lenten Prayers,

Fr. Bob

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**



Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Early Education Open House 8:30am March 7
 Early Education Open House 6pm March 21
 Spring Break March 26-30

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Scenes from the Science Lab

Fourth-graders were given the design challenge of creating bunkers for the pretend land called Alabraska. The fine citizens of Alabraska are facing the possibility of a huge asteroid falling on their state that could keep them underground for as much as a year. Our student engineers outlined the challenges the citizen would face and creatively came up with solutions.



Zuckerman's Famous Pig

Our second-grade class enjoyed a field trip where they experienced a live performance at the Tivoli Theater in downtown Downers Grove. The play was the childhood favorite Charlotte's Web. The show was wonderful and the students were entertained and engaged as the characters of Wilbur, Templeton, and of course Charlotte the spider came to life.



A Special Visitor in Kindergarten

This week our kindergarteners had a special guest visit, Deacon Stuart. He took time to talk about what it means to be a Deacon and a variety of elements of the job including clothing, responsibilities, and what makes a Deacon different from a priest. Our students were engaged and had lots of interesting questions. At the end of his visit he lead the class in a prayer and blessed everyone.



Science in Action

Fifth graders developed a model of a lightning detection system using aluminum cans, wire, and aluminum foil. Their system used a bell as a warning system. The students discovered that using a Van de Graff machine worked the best for creating charges.

St. Cletus Lenten Journey Experiences

JOIN US DURING LENT

Daily Mass 8:00am

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

Holy Hour Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm
March 6, 13, 20, 27

Stations of the Cross Fridays 7:00-8:00pm
March 9, 16, 23

Living Stations of the Cross
Thursday March 22 - 7:00-8:00pm

Parish Reconciliation Service
Monday March 12 - 7:00pm

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday
March 29 - 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Good Friday
March 30 - 3:00pm

The Easter Vigil March 31 - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday April 1st
7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

HISPANIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Holy Hour

Tuesday March 6, 2018	7:00pm	Church
Tuesday March 20, 2018	7:00pm	Church
Tuesday March 27, 2018	7:00pm	Church

Lenten Reflections

Friday March 9, 2018	7:00pm	Parish Center
Friday March 16, 2018	7:00pm	Parish Center
Friday March 23, 2018	7:00pm	Parish Center

Holy Hour. + Spanish Confessions

Tuesday March 13, 2018	7:00pm	Church
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Way of the Cross

Friday March 30, 2018	6:30pm	PC Gym
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EARLY EDUCATION Open House

Join us to talk with teachers and administrators, and discover why St. Cletus School is the right choice for your family!

MORNING

March 7th
8:30 -9:30am

EVENING

March 21st
6:00-7:00pm

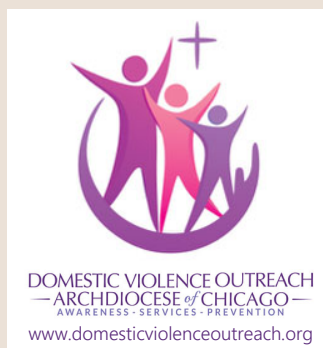
Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)
- Baby wipes
- Canned or dry milk
- Cleaning supplies

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



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

Our local Lyons Club joined us at Food Pantry distribution this month to assist clients in getting vouchers for eye exams and glasses. These vouchers are valued at \$200 each and are such a helpful resource to many who do not have vision insurance. Thank you Lyons Club!

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 hotline for Pillars, found in the box to the left.

You are not alone.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Using Twitter and Social Media in Your Job Search

ICN invites you to join us on Thursday, March 15, 7-9 pm to learn more about using this powerful social media tool in your job search. With TweetMyJobs listing over one-and-a-half-million job tweets in just 30 days, there's no question that Twitter and social media are a must-use resource for job seekers. Our speaker this evening is Falise Platt. She has worked with a wide variety of companies providing them with strategic direction in establishing their social media presence. Falise will explain why you should sign up, how to sign up and why you'll want to incorporate Twitter and Facebook as part of your search. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to welcoming you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

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

LENTEN OUTREACH - ENCOUNTER SAFIATA



In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. The dry and dusty climate of Burkina Faso means farming can be difficult. It means water can be hard to come by. And it means Safiata and her family often face hunger. Even though she had two plots of land to farm, the many months each year without rain made feeding her 9 children and 16 grandchildren a real challenge.

Catholic Relief Services is providing farmers like Safiata with more land to grow crops—like onions—that thrive in dry climates. And thanks to a CRS-sponsored irrigation system, she knows she'll have access to water year-round.

How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

WORD OF LIFE

“O God our Creator... give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”
www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL



10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace is the 10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit. The benefit raises money to help expand grants and other assistance to the many volunteers as they serve the poor in the communities across Cook and Lake counties; and the various programs and services that offer direct service to those in need including clients of the Pope Francis Center, a social services agency focused on homelessness prevention.

Festivities include Drury Lane's delicious champagne brunch and entertainment provided by our famous Church Choir Challenge. Attendees are welcome to participate in games of chance, and a grand prize car raffle, sponsored by Ray Buick, to help raise additional funds for those in need.

Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Benefit Co-chair Pam Matambanadzo at 773-360-0093 or vop@svdpchicago.org to learn how you can support this fun and important event.

During the 2018 “Friend of the Poor” Benefit for Chicago-SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2018 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value).



Raffle Tickets are \$25 Each. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 22, 2018 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter raffle. No redeemable cash value. Winner responsible for taxes, title, transfer, and insurance.

To purchase tickets: www.svdpsbenefit.org

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

DACA

Prayer Service and Reflection
 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
Monday, March 5, 2018
7pm
St. Francis Xavier Church
 Sponsored by: Peace & Justice Ministry

Prayer Service and Reflection for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7pm at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Sponsored by: Peace & Justice Ministry of St. Cletus, St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier

SCHOOL AND TUTORS ON WHEELS

Be a Volunteer Tutor -
 Teach English as a Second Language.



TUTOR TRAINING: Saturday March 3 & Saturday March 10, 2018 from 9 am - 3 pm at First Congregational Church of La Grange 100 S. 6th Avenue, La Grange, IL

It only takes one hour, a week! CALL 630-217-0396 to RSVP or visit our website schoolandtutorsonwheels.org. We are looking for tutors in your area. Sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph *Generous Promises Grant

RESPECT LIFE

Congress needs to hear from us! Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide coverage for it in their health care plans. Federal conscience laws prohibit such coercion, but these laws continue to be violated—mostly because they don't provide victims with the ability to defend their rights in court. Within a couple weeks, Congress will likely decide whether to improve enforcement of these laws by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. More information at humanlifeaction.org!

No one should be forced to participate in abortion.



Tell Congress at
humanlifeaction.org!

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING DATES

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

March 11&12 RE Classes

March 18 & 19 RE Classes; 5th Grade Living Stations of the Cross Presentation



Parents: What are your kids doing this summer?

Have them join us at our Shipwrecked VBS!

Calling all children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade! We invite you to join us on June 18-22nd as we venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Join us as we spark imagination and faith-building fun with your children! We will anchor your children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

When: June 18-22, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Where: Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building

How to register: complete registration form online at stcletusparish.com, or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online through the Parish website).

Age of kids in VBS: Any child entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade in the Fall is welcome to register!

Can I volunteer? YES! We are looking for volunteers to join our Crew! We are looking for **Junior High** and **High School Students** as well as **Adults** to join us! If you are interested, please contact Barb Campbell.

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

Other Ministry News

SCCCW



Meeting 3/13 - Come join us for an evening of fun at the next CCW meeting on Tuesday, March 13th in the Parish Center Gallagher Room.

Meeting at 7pm, entertainment by "In The Moment" quartet at 7:30pm. Fellowship, Food, Fun, Friends & prizes too! Don't miss it!

Scholarship Info - The Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women offers a renewable \$1000 per year scholarship for young women graduating high school.

Criteria:

- 1) students must maintain a C average
- 2) students must participate in extracurricular activities: church/community/school
- 3) students must plan to attend a college or university
- 4) students must submit latest transcripts
- 5) students must submit a 300 word essay on "What it means to be a Catholic women in the world today?" (typed & double spaced)
- 6) students must submit 2 letters of recommendation, one from the pastor or youth minister, the other from the Dean of Students or Counselor or non-family member
- 7) enclose completed application form (found at <http://www.accwchicago.org>) and mail to: Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Committee, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60653.

Students should mail essay, transcripts, signed application & recommendation letters with a post mark no later than March 20th for consideration. More information can be found at <http://www.accwchicago.org>.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The next book discussion will be at 7 p.m. on April 10th discussing *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

YOUTH MINISTRY SECOND COLLECTION



We are so blessed to have seven amazing teens who volunteered to serve others on our Mission Trip to South Bend in July! They are so generously giving of their time and talents, and we need the financial support of our Parish Family to make this happen!

Please give generously to our second collection next weekend, March 10th and 11th which will go directly to offset costs incurred with this Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

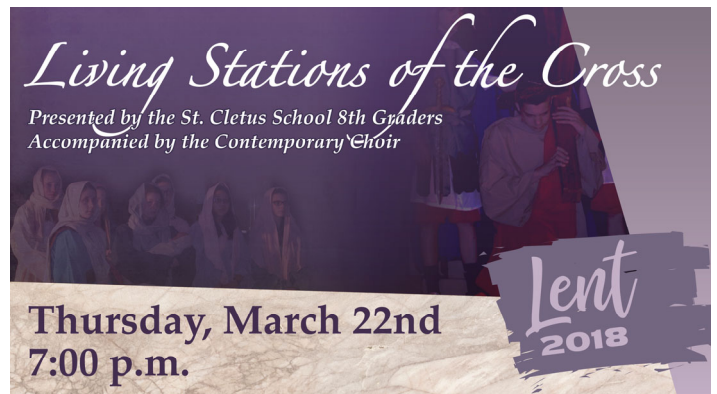


Sign ups for Women's Church League have begun! Registration forms are due March 12th and can be found on our website. Please note, we are still looking for coaches.

The St. Cletus Young Men's Church League teams are in playoffs. The championship games are at St. Cletus in the Parish Center Gym on March 10.

Join us March 28th for Encounter. Come together to make lunches for clients of Beds Plus.

Visit youth.stcletusparish.com for more info.



The Third Sunday of Lent



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 Alternate readings (Year A):
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or *Exodus 17:3-7*.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or *Psalm 95*.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or *Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*.

Gospel — Many began to believe in Jesus' name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or *John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]*.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny
 Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
 Thursday: St. John of God
 Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple.

Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

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



RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Our shared faith is deeply present in the cultures of Central and Eastern Europe, but this faith was severely tested over the course of the previous century. Countries in this region were under communist rule for 40 to over 70 years. During this time, bishops, priests, and church leaders were arrested and martyred. Churches were confiscated, communities broken, and people were forced to practice the faith in secret. Despite this religious persecution, the faithful of Central and Eastern Europe today are rebuilding and renewing what was lost—and you can help. With your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE), you aid those who strive to rebuild their faith communities.

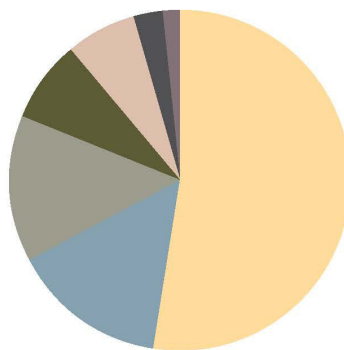
The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. In 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to maintain their ministry. Your support helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

Please be generous to the collection. Your assistance will provide vital resources to build faith, to educate children, and to help restore communities in Central and Eastern Europe. More information about the collection and the projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

2016 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 239

Total Amount Approved and Paid: \$7,069,646



PROGRAM AREA

- Construction and Equipment
- Operational Support
- Poverty Outreach and Miscellaneous Programs
- Scholarships
- Education, Formation, and Evangelization
- Vehicle Purchase
- Communications Programs



Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! PROGRAM



For Widowed Men and Women - Weekend retreat for those seeking hope and renewed joy in living after the loss of a spouse.

April 21 & 22, 2018 Presence/Holy Family Med Ctr.
(No overnight available here.)

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.

MEDITATION AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

A Special Lenten Program , Journey to the Heart - Moving into Quiet Prayer through Gentle Yoga and Christian Meditation. Six Thursdays, Feb. 15th to March 22nd, 2 to 3pm or 7 to 8pm. St John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. High school and older, women and men, no experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or large towel. Questions? Contact Mo Dunne, modunne@sbcglobal.net

ST. BARBARA FLEA MARKET

St. Barbara in Brookfield is hosting a FLEA MARKET sponsored by the St. Barbara Council of Catholic Women on Saturday March 10, 2018. Tables will be set up inside the Parish Center at 4015 S. Prairie and Lunch will be available as well. Tables are available at 20.00 per table. Please call Alicia Mancini for further info at 708-485-2502.

COSSITT SCHOOL CLOTHING SALE



Cossitt School will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 3rd, from 8am – 1pm. SELL! Clean out your closets! Sell your gently used spring and summer items and keep 60% of proceeds. BUY! Find amazing deals on gently used spring and summer items from infant to size 16... Clothing, baby equipment, bikes, Easter/Communion dresses, suits, shoes, sports gear and much more! *NEW this sale- EXTENDED half price sale from 11am-1pm!

Details for sellers, buyers and volunteers can be found at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale/

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER,



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. Register at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

Untying the Knots, Polarization in America - Saturday, Mar. 24 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Licensed Clinical Social

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ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph High School will host a Charger CASINO NIGHT fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018! Casino Night will take place in the SJHS South Gymnasium, 10900 West Cermak Road, Westchester from 7:00 pm – midnight on April 21, 2018.

For more information, email/call Stephanie Morton, smorton@stjoeshs.org / 630-564-3435/ or visit the school's website, www.stjoeshs.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available and donations are always appreciated.

COMMUNITY GEMS NOMINATIONS



We are seeking Community GEMs! Community GEMs are older adults who are GOING THE EXTRA MILE through volunteer work to better their community. If you know of a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Townships, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others, please fill out a nomination form by March 16, 2018. Then join us and all of the GEMs for lunch on Tuesday May 1, 2018, where we will honor them and their impact on our community! If you have any questions about Aging Well Month or the Community GEMs Volunteer Recognition Program, please contact Alyson at 708.603.2259 or AWN@agingcareconnections.org.

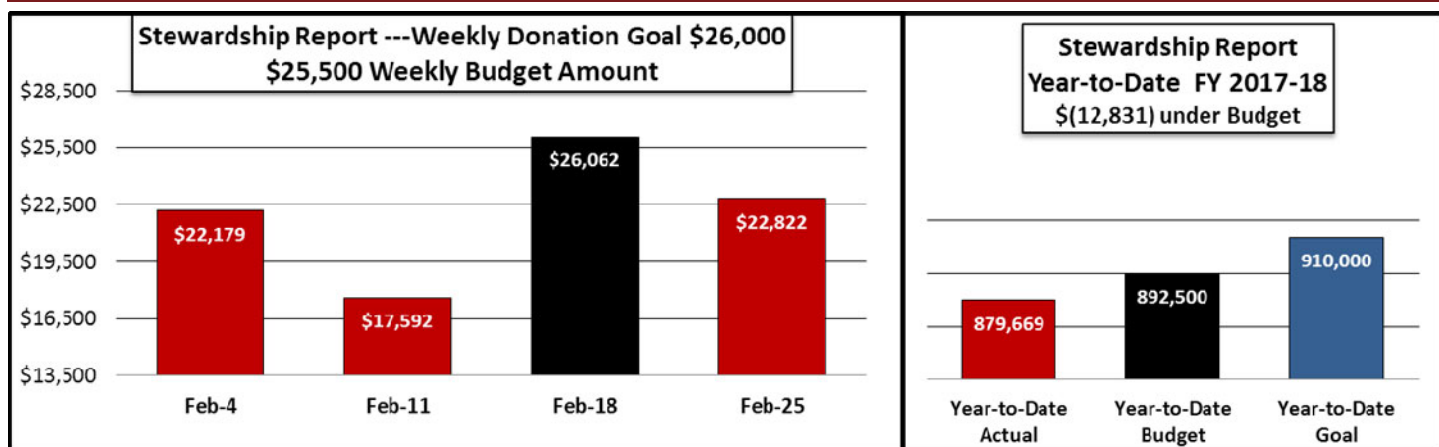
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Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 4			
Monday, March 5	4:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Rm PC Gym	Junior Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 6	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Church Rectory Rectory Basement Church PC Gym	Holy Hour RCIA School Board Spanish Holy Hour Boy's Church League Basketball
Wednesday, March 7	8:30am 9:00am 9:00pm	School Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym	Early Education Welcome Wednesday Open House Mission Ladies Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, March 8	2:15pm 5:00pm 7:30pm 9:00pm	Church School Music Rm School Music Rm PC Gym	Stations of the Cross (led by the school) Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, March 9	7:00pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 10			
Sunday, March 11	11:00am	Church	Family Mass and celebration of National Catholic Sisters Week

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