



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

See what love the Father has
bestowed on us that we may be
called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Easter

APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 23 - April 29, 2018

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Frank Miller, Josephine Felice
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Jim Mullaney, Fred Sager, Keith Sager, Mary Grace Parisi, Scott Parisi
Friday	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper, Vytas Banevicius
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Virginia Bedwell Dennis Gabriel, Delphine Marciszewski, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Harry Brown, John Cooper
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John Zumpano Stacy Baker Maryann Stemack, MaryAnn Mezan Gene Kennedy, Jason Osmolak, Fernando Cabral, Joan Brown, 25th Anniversary - Bill & Kathy Murdoch St. Cletus Parishioners



WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

Elizabeth & Paul Allabastro

Heather & Jason Farkasch Family

Julie & John Jaworski Family

JoAnne & Roy Kasang

Katherine & Curt Kennedy Family

Linda & Tony Muscolino

Julianne & Philip Pedi

Joan Speck

Kimberly Stemler

Thomas Weiner

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

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

Michael R. Patton

Husband of Mary Patton

Joan Brown

Mother of Joan McCarthy

Barbara L. Barkley

Wife of Wayne Barkley

Lillian Farren

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.

April - Bonnie Boerste, John Burns, Kay Hogue, Kathleen Russell, Christine DeMaria, Frank Pastrana

March - Dan Gibbons, Rosa Nilles, Patricia Rodey, Lucy Schoenecker, Frank Colonna

February - Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill, Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

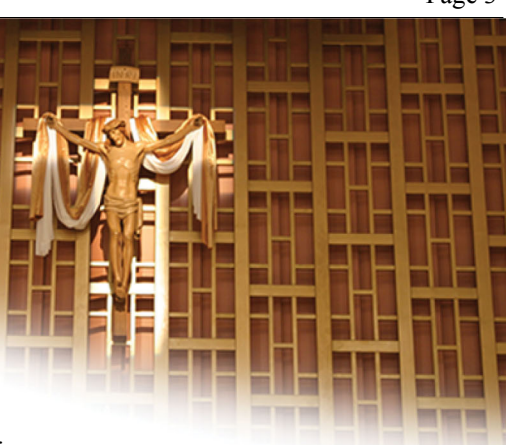
Over the last 60 years or so Israel has invested in large-scale irrigation schemes that have helped to make parts of the desert into farmland. However, the greater bulk of the country is still very harsh and unforgiving. It is in these semi-desert areas that you can often come across a young shepherd with a small flock of sheep. There are no fields rich in green grasses here. An untrained eye may occasionally spot a small stream that disappears within a few feet of its tiny source. In this forbidding environment the shepherd and his sheep eke out their existence.

After a while you notice another difference from our own country's landscape. There are no sheepdogs. The shepherd doesn't have a vast flock to steer from place to place. He has only a small flock that he leads from one grazing ground to the next. The shepherd will strike off in the direction of food and simply call to his sheep. Because the sheep trust in him for their very lives they follow him and find nourishment and safety.

In the time of Jesus things were not very different from the shepherds in Israel today. The sheep depended utterly upon the shepherd for their protection and for food. The shepherd and his whole family were dependent upon the sheep for their economic security and the supply of the basic essentials for life. They could not afford to let someone who does not care for the sheep, or for them, look after the flock – the sheep and the shepherd were bound together for survival.

In today's Gospel Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees and the religious leaders of Israel. In the description of the good shepherd and the hired hand he is describing the flaws in their understanding of leadership. The Pharisees and the scribes behave as though they are temporary shepherds hired from an agency – they fulfill their duties but they will not have any lasting commitment to the people they are responsible for. When the duties become too onerous or dangerous they will abandon their post and their flock. They are very keen to ensure that the people in their charge are educated in the ways of the law and religious duty. However, they are not so keen to bandage the wounded or carry the weary.

In contrast with the Pharisees, the Good Shepherd, Jesus himself, is faithful and will offer up his own life for the sake of the sheep. Those who hear his voice know that he is trustworthy and that he will lead them to safety and nourishment. Just as God has been the shepherd of Israel from generation to generation Jesus now assumes this role



for the new Israel. This is a costly road for Jesus; he will lead his flock to Calvary and through death to the glory of resurrection. We are now part of this flock and we also will travel the same road – through death to the glory of resurrection.

Good Shepherd Sunday is often portrayed in rather fluffy terms. The image of Jesus holding a lamb tenderly in his arms is the dominant picture. Yet, it may perhaps be more appropriate to rename today: "Are you a good shepherd Sunday?" For me, and for all who are preachers, teachers or leaders in the Church, today's scripture readings challenge us deeply. They force us to reflect on our motives and behavior. Am I, are we, truly serving those to whom God has called us or have we fallen into the trap of selfishness and self-importance that the Pharisees succumbed to?

It is my prayer that I will be a good shepherd among you: one who encourages rather than chides; one who bandages rather than hurts; one who is faithful in serving rather than looking for my own advantage. Yet, this day is not simply a challenge for me and others commissioned to lead in the Church. It is for each one of us to look into our hearts and judge the generosity of our service to the people around us. Each one of us is called to lead others to the gracious mercy of God. Like the shepherds in Israel today we do not do this by herding or forcing them along. We live lives of such self-evident joy and holiness that others can trust that we are leading them in the path of life eternal. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, give us the grace we need gently to lead those whom we love and work with to your heavenly kingdom. Amen. Alleluia!

Easter Joy – Alleluia!



***Fr. Bob
Pastor***

Parish School



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Beauty and the Beast Jr. April 25-26
Early Childhood Education Open House May 20

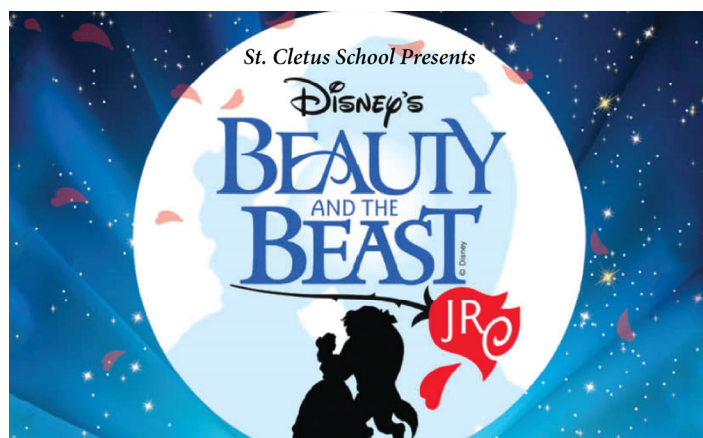
FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Cycling for a Cause

Thank you to the many parents, students, and alums who came to CycleBar on Saturday night. Their hard work, sweat, and aching muscles helped raise funds to support our wonderful school. Special thanks to Megan Wenstrup and Joe Noga for organizing and leading this fun event



School Musical April 25-26

Tickets are now available for the St. Cletus School Musical, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Show times are Wednesday, April 25th at 4:00pm and 7:00pm and Thursday, April 26th at 7:00pm. Get your tickets today at <http://www.stcletusschool.com/parents>.



High School Musical

Our sixth and seventh grade students attended a performance of High School Musical at Nazareth Academy. The show featured several alums of whom we are so proud. The performance was a great inspiration to our junior high students who will be performing Beauty and the Beast later this month.

2018 ST. CLETUS CARDINAL OPEN

FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND

Golf Outing Venue:
Glen Eagles Country Club
13070 McCarthy Road
Lemont

New Lower Price!
\$100 per Golfer
Includes cart, snacks,
beverages on the course,
door prizes, lunch, and a
buffet dinner with open bar

For More Information:
golfouting@stcletusparish.com
golfouting.stcletusschool.com

Includes cart, snacks, beverages on the course, door prizes, lunch, and a buffet dinner with open bar

Cardinal Open Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for the annual Cardinal Open golf outing. This year's event will be held on Friday afternoon on June 22 at Glen Eagles in Lemont. This St. Cletus tradition is an event focused on community so if you have a handicap of 14 or you don't even know what a handicap is this is an event for you.

Parish School (continued)

ALL DAY SUMMER CAMP JUNE 25-29, 2018



Discover and Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math for children grades K-2nd at St. Cletus.

Day - \$195 Full Day - \$350 Before/after care \$6/hour
Before and after care available from 7:30am to 6:00pm

Magic Beans - 9am-12pm \$195/wk From Jack and the Beanstalk to the golden touch of King Midas, fairy tales have always engaged and captured imaginations. In Magic Beans, exotic, far-away lands, magical powers and the eternal theme of good versus evil come to life in thrilling engineering, language arts and collaborative communication challenges.

Lunch Bunch - 12-1 PM \$30/wk Send lunch and a drink. Your child will meet new friends and enjoy some down time before our art class begins.

The A in STEAM - 1-4PM \$195/wk Explore art outside of the classroom through different mixed media projects this Summer! No grades, no homework, all creativity. We'll be completing a new art project each day - show off your latest masterpiece to your family and friends.

Register NOW! <https://efkstem.com/2q5dkWU>

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

Call us today 708-250-5858

www.engineeringforkids.com/chicagoland



INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT FOR PARENTS



Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Cletus Parish Center

Parenting in today's digital age requires a constant, diligent understanding of technology and internet safety.

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15 in the St. Cletus Parish Center as Detective Charles Hollendoner of the Chicago Police Department's Special Investigations Unit will help parents understand issues of technology and internet safety and equip them with tools to help guide and educate their children to use technology safely.

An RSVP is not required, however, to get an accurate gauge of attendees, please email Vice Principal Schaefer at cschaefer@stcletusparish.com to let her know you will be attending.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 7th and 8th grade students who made honor roll this past trimester. Keep up the great work!

Seventh Grade Honors:

Leo De Santiago, Brady Gorman, Robert Havelka, Diego Monroy, Ellen Rife, and Jacob Santiago

Seventh Grade High Honors:

Jenna Battista, Angelina Bechir, Elisabeth Braun, Molly Burke, Ava Calderon, Natalia Caron, Samantha Chopp, Madelyn Ciampaglia, Ryan Clifford, Patrick Cramer, Gabriella Estrada, Serena Garza, Graham Gilsdorf, Kevin Jacobs, Grace Koziol, Kathryn Lazich, Jack Magee, Conor Mulcrone, Megan Myers, Anne Petrak, GraceAnne Pullappally, Lauren Schinker, Sara Schinker, Maureen Staelgraeve, Marc Skrip, Kaelyn Sloan, Matthew Uphues, and William Wangard

Eighth Grade Honors:

Brigid Bergquist, Chloe Brooks, Patrick Burke, Carley Nicoletti, Tristan Cranny, Lillian Fransen, Emily Grab, Colin Grace, Jack McNamara, Christopher Noga, Nicholas Pociask, and Zoe Rossmiller

Eighth Grade High Honors:

Gianna Annella, Joseph Antonietti, Elizabeth Bourjaily, Emma Cassidy, Julia Donahue, Isabella Davila, Brianna Episcopo, Caroline Hart, Casey Hart, Caden Hogan, Maureen Kane, Antonia Naumovski, Lukas Oparinas, Abigail Quinn, Catherine Ramicone, Katelyn Schuler, Emily Siegert, Sadie Sifuentes, John Townsend, and Julia Vincent

FRANK KWAK AWARD NOMINATIONS



Every year the Athletic Association presents the Frank Kwak Award to a deserving individual for emulating Catholic values, hard work, dedication and unselfish service to the students and athletic programs of St. Cletus School.

Nominations are due the first week of May. Please submit nominations on our school website <http://www.stcletusschool.com/athletics/kwakaward/> or email kwakaward@stcletusparish.com. Be sure to include the nominee's name and qualifications for the award in your submission.

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Pasta sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned fruit
- Canned or dry milk
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Detergent
- Canned Meals & Meats

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).

FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

The past few weeks we shared with you some of the exciting changes coming to the food pantry. If you missed the previous updates check out recent Canticles on the St. Cletus website.

This past week marked a milestone for the food pantry. It was our final monthly distribution out of the Church! Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers! Each month the St. Cletus 7th graders helped move the bags and distribution items from the Rectory Basement over to the Church Narthex. We also want to thank our newly trained volunteers who helped implement our new online registration system, Food Bank Manager (more info on this is next week's bulletin). Thank you: Maureen Soldat, Julia Jauregui, Maria Jacobs, Mollie Stone, and Donna Gacek!



St. Cletus
Food Pantry



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Why did She Stay?

So you think it's easy to leave. You don't understand why women and/or men endure years of abuse. Hmph! You say "he/she has to sleep sometime!" Really?! Come. Listen to three survivors enlighten us on the realities of being in and staying in an abusive relationship.

Sunday, April 22, 2018
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
St. Ailbe Imani Room
9047 South Harper
(91st & Stony Island)

Sponsored by St. Ailbe Domestic Violence Ministry. Refreshments served.

*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.***



ARE YOU IN AN
UNHEALTHY
RELATIONSHIP
OR ARE YOU
AFRAID IN YOUR
OWN HOME?

CALL THE
24-HOUR PHONE
FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

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



**WE STAND WITH
SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —
AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION

www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY



Do you need a nudge to clean those closets and kitchen cabinets as summer approaches? The St. Cletus Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a clothing and small kitchen items drive to support the good works of the Society.

The thrift store truck will be in our Parking Lot on
Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 6 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Please mark your calendars and spread the word.

Items we will accept:

- Clean clothing, including shoes.
- Small kitchen items (i.e. dishes, pots and pans, glassware, flatware, serving pieces)
- Please bag all items

Remember, your donations not only help clothe and provide household goods to those struggling, but the revenue your donations generate may also help prevent eviction, keep the heat and electric on, and food on the table for your neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generosity! *Tax donation receipts will be available.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



We are a non-profit organization that works with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 100 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapy, and errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church.

Volunteer Drivers

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

Vases Needed

Our Petal Pusher program is in great need of vases! The smaller, the better! The size of a mason jar is the size we need--think something that would fit in a cup holder. Nothing large, as they are difficult for our older adults to handle. They may be dropped off at 150 S. Ashland Ave., La Grange, (enter our offices on the Catherine Ave. side of the building) between 9am-3pm.

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY EDUCATION RETREAT APRIL 28



Join us for an exciting educational event for family, friends, and caregivers coping with memory loss and, or Alzheimer's disease.

- Hear from knowledgeable speakers
- Discover ways to balance self-care and caregiving
- Gain new perspectives from fellow caregivers
- Recharge with some easy, fun, and creative body & brain activities

\$30 Registration fee per person. Registration is required by April 23, 2018. Space is limited so register today! Register by phone 708.669.2476 or alz.org/illinois

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Holiday Inn & William Tell

Countryside Banquets & Conference Center

6201 Joliet Rd. Countryside, IL

WORD OF LIFE

Heavenly Father...
 Give us love for all people,
 especially the most vulnerable,
 and help us bear witness to the
 truth that every life is worth living.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
 "Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card,
www.usccb.org/worth-living



Heavenly Father, thank you
 for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect
 this gift, even in the midst of fear,
 pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people,
 especially the most vulnerable,
 and help us bear witness to the
 truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept
 help when we are in need,
 and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions,
 may others encounter the
 outstretched hands
 of Your mercy.

We ask this through
 Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).

Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).

Gospel — I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
 Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
 Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day
 Friday: Arbor Day
 Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

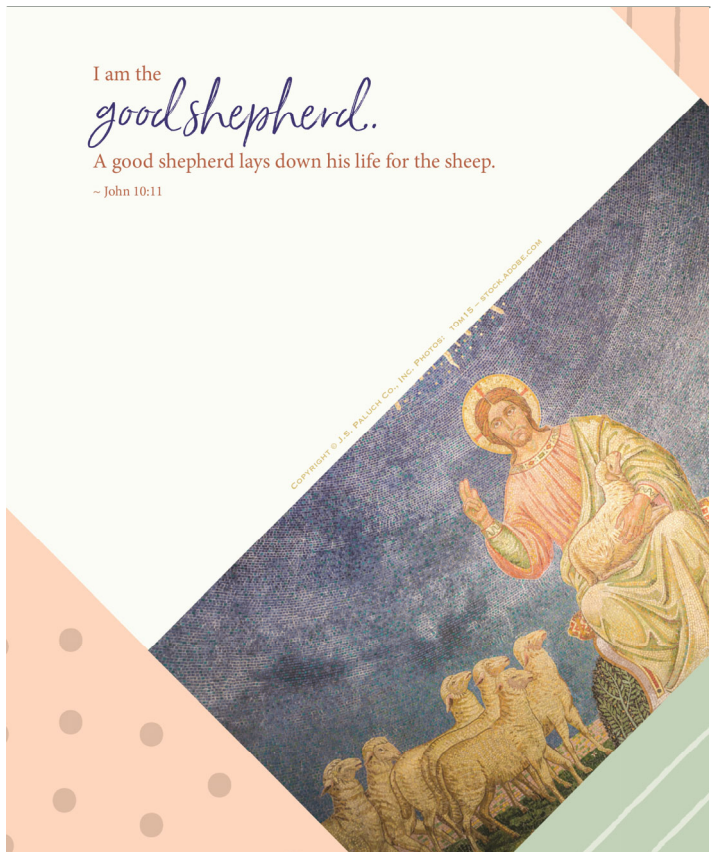
Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

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

AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the world.

—Anonymous



Religious Education

UPCOMING RE DATES:

April 22/23, 29/30 - RE Classes in Session

May 8 - First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 for children in 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 12

May 9 - First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 for children in 1 p.m. Mass on May 12

May 12 - First Communion Masses at 10:30a.m. and 1p.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. CLETUS JUNE 18-22ND 9AM - NOON

Who: Children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade

When: June 18-22, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Where: Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building

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. Any child entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade in the Fall is welcome to register!

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 at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com, (708) 352-2383.

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



Ken Baker

Laura Freeman

George Howe

John B Boss

Brian Firnoff

Denise McGowan Tracy

Cynthia Clarey

Jeffery Lyle Segal

Ken Baker
& FRIENDS

my
FAIR
LADY
IN CONCERT



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

MAY
19
7:00PM

MAY
20
4:00PM

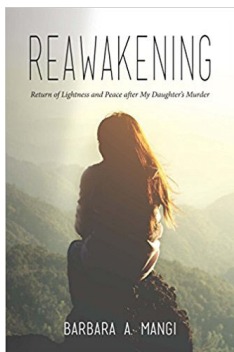
St. Cletus
Parish Center

Tickets \$35

www.edwardfas.com

Other Ministry News

FORGIVING THE ULTIMATE TRESPASS



**Tuesday May 8th at 7:00pm
St. Cletus Parish Center**

During every mass we pray "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". But forgiveness can be hard. Please join CREDO on May 8th at 7pm in the Gallagher room of the parish center to welcome speaker Barb Mangi. Barb will share how her faith in Jesus

Christ brought her through the murder of her 25-year-old daughter, Dana; and will also share her journey towards forgiving Dana's killer while healing herself and struggling to keep her marriage together.

You may have seen Barb's story in the Chicago Tribune in the article "Mom forgives the man who murdered her daughter, answers his letters from prison" or seen her recently published book *Reawakening: Return to Lightness and Peace after my Daughters Murder*. Come and meet this inspirational mother who has had to confront terrible loss and learn how her Catholic faith helped her to move forward.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

SCCCW - MANY THANKS!



SCCCW would like to thank all those who helped to make our bake sale so successful.

THANKS to the Holy Name Society for hosting the Pancake Breakfast where we were able to sell our delicious treats.

THANKS to all our dedicated & fabulous Bakers. Without your generous time & talents we could not have reached our goal.

THANKS to all our customers who bought all of our inventory & gave us the revenue we needed to plan other events throughout the year.

And last but not least HUGE THANKS to Penny & Kirchbaum's Bakery in Western Springs for their continued support & generous donations. Please help us thank this local business by making purchases whenever you can!

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on June 12 in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. The book that will be discussed is **Before We Were Yours** by **Lisa Wingate**. All are welcome.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

LIVING ROSARY

Take a Step toward Mary this Month

Did your child get a Rosary to celebrate a sacrament? Do you have a worry or an intention to share with Mary? May is a



month of rededication to Mary and the Rosary. Come and join us at the Rosary Table over the weekend of April 28th and 29th. Bring a Rosary to have fixed or come and take a Rosary for yourself or a friend. So many parishioners have donated beautiful Rosaries to share; Mary works through them to draw us toward her. We have guides on how to pray the Rosary (in both English and Spanish) and coloring pages for the little ones.

Once you have your Rosary, look for a group to pray with! Group prayer adds a new dimension to praying the rosary and demonstrates faith in action. It is so inspirational to have children lead the prayers, for them as well as for the rest of the group. The Living Rosary will pray the entire Rosary together at 12:15 on May 6th in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Come, bring an open heart and stay as long as you can.

If you want to go a step further, join the Living Rosary and begin to say one decade of the rosary every day at their convenience. Other prayer partners take the other mysteries and together, the entire Rosary is said each day. Your faith deepens with newer insights as the mystery becomes a part of your life. Talk to Mary Lu at the Rosary Table or call her at 708-579-3987.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated on Sunday, September 16, 2018 by Cardinal Cupich. Register online at <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding> or call the St. Cletus Parish Office at 708.352.6209.

Other Ministry News (continued)

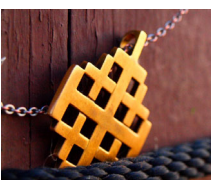
2 MORE CHANCES TO BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER



In case you missed the invitation to train for becoming a lector or Eucharistic minister, don't give up—2 other dates have been added, April 23rd and May 7th: same place, church, same times, 6:30-Lector; 7:00 Eucharistic Minister.

Please call or e-mail Paulette Bolton: 708.215.5222 or pbolton@stcletusparish.com

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Registration for Kairos 29 is open! Kairos 29 will take place June 7-10. This is a joint youth ministry opportunity with St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our parishes come together to support this peer ministry in action. ***K29 is open to high school incoming and outgoing Seniors only.*** Incoming Juniors and Seniors are eligible to sign up for K30 in July (the retreat will be held in early August).

The retreat will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay in turning in your registration! The application is available online at our website: stcletusparish.com

MUSIC MINISTRIES AT ST. CLETUS PARISH

The Music Ministry of our parish consists of approximately eighty five extremely dedicated adults and children. The results of their efforts can be heard each week as they encourage congregational participation in our masses and other special liturgical events. It is both an honor and a privilege to be the leader of such a fine group of individuals and I would like to formally thank them for their efforts and for sharing their time and talents with our parishioners and all visitors to St. Cletus.

Our Chancel Choir sings regularly at the 9:30 a.m. mass; rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. each Thursday. This group focuses more on traditional hymns and classic choral pieces.

Our Contemporary Choir sings approximately two times per month at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. mass; rehearsals are held

immediately prior to the mass at 4:00 p.m. with occasional additional rehearsals as need. This group, with singers, drums and flute, focuses on a more contemporary sound.

Our Teen Choir sings approximately twice per month at the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. mass with an occasional appearance at the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday morning.

Our Youth Choirs....are open to all boys and girls, grades 3rd through 8th, attending either a public school or St. Cletus School. These choirs generally sing at the Sunday, 11:00 a.m. mass approximately one-two times per month and also participate with the other adult choirs in several special masses throughout the year.

Junior Choir is open to students in grades 5 through 8. Rehearsals are held on Monday, from 4- 5 p.m.

Children's Choir is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held on Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our Good Shepherd Choir is part of the St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry. This choir provides music for funerals, memorial services and the annual evening mass in November for those families, who have within the past year, experienced the loss of a loved one. This choir sings on an "as needed" basis, frequently on fairly short notice.

If you are interested in attending a rehearsal, joining a particular choir or just want to know more about our music ministry, please contact: Karen Ziemba, Director of Music Ministries: kziemba@stcletusparish.com or call 708-215-5423 or 708-710-0644.



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RIGHT TO LIFE CELEBRATION MAY 18

Illinois Right to Life is celebrating 50 YEARS of changing minds and saving thousands of mothers and babies from abortion at our *Golden Jubilee Celebration* on Friday May 18, 2018 at the Carlisle in Lombard, Illinois. We've invited renowned pro-life comedian and author, Mike G. Williams, to help celebrate not only Illinois Right to Life's 50th Birthday, but also the birthdays of thousands of babies saved through our work. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we would love for you to join us for an evening of joy, celebration, and looking back on the history of the pro-life movement in Illinois. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/Banquet or call 312.422.9300.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples on August 10-12, 2018 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the

Worldwide Marriage Encounter community. For information, please go to wwme-chicagoland.org and say YES TODAY, to God's call to love one another!

FR. PATRICK MARSHALL



Fr. Patrick Marshall will be leaving the St. John Paul II Newman Center for a six month sabbatical, beginning July 1, 2018. He will then begin a new assignment within the Archdiocese of Chicago. **You are invited to join Fr. Marshall on Thursday, May 3rd** for a special reception at UIC

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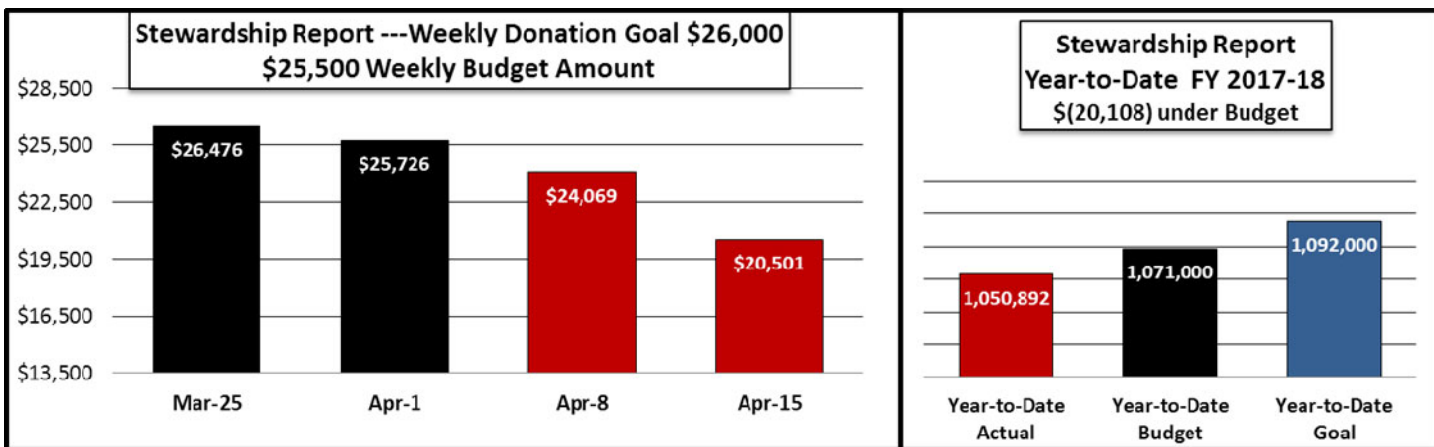
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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, April 22			
Monday, April 23	4:00pm 6:30pm 8:30pm	School Music Rm Church Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Minister Training Men's Basketball
Tuesday, April 24	6:30pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm 2 Parish Center Mtg Rm 1	RCIA for Children SVDP
Wednesday, April 25	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Rm	Mission Ladies
Thursday, April 26	4:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Rm	First Communion Pictures Chancel Choir
Friday, April 27			
Saturday, April 28	5:00pm	Narthex	Rosary Table
Sunday, April 29	7:00am	Narthex	Rosary Table

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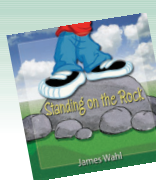
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