

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

MAY 10, 2020

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the
Father except through me."
— JOHN 14:6**



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Easter



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cardinal Cupich has mandated the suspension until further notice of all liturgical services (weekend and daily masses, confessions, reconciliation services). Please continue to pray for the People of God and for all whom the Coronavirus and these closings affect.

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for May 11-17

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Intentions
May 11	Fr. Baker	Joseph Viecele, Frank Wojcik
May 12	Fr. Gamboa	Frank DeBartolo
May 13	Fr. Clark	Virginia Rachford
May 14	Fr. Baker	Delphine Marciszewski
May 15	Fr. Gamboa	Joan Klein
May 16	Fr. Clark	Joe Saban, Louis Kadlec, Stella & Felix Gembala
May 17	Fr. Baker	Margaret Pirman, Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Martin McGowan, Frank Lesh, George Duda, Stacy Baker, Samuel Colonna

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 - Annette Bonvillian, Virginia Klecka, Frank Niwa

March - Wacław Berdysz, Mary Duckett, Alice Dunkovich, Wayne Hamilton, Christine Wolosewicz

February - Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Rachael Schopp Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Duda, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski

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

JOIN US FOR MASS ONLINE

We continue to celebrate Mass from the St. Cletus altar on a daily basis and on Sunday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

While this year's Mother's Day is being celebrated in the challenging circumstances of the coronavirus, we pray for all mothers and we give thanks for the love that they give every day of their lives. We think of those mothers no longer with us. We offer a special prayer too for mothers to be and for Godmothers and all who play a maternal role in our lives.

The St. Cletus Parish Priests and Staff would like to wish all of you a happy and blessed Mother's Day and we hope to celebrate with you as soon as it is safe to gather.



St. Cletus School

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

May 16 Virtual Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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St. Cletus Virtual Vegas Auction
Saturday, May 16
auction.stcletusschool.com
Vegas2020.givesmart.com

We invite you to consider donating to St. Cletus School. The bulk of our expenses, and hence our fundraising, go to the salaries of our amazing teachers and staff.

We recognize the effects this virus has had on many families. If you are able, we appreciate your monetary donation to this wonderful event. To donate, go to <https://Vegas2020.givesmart.com>

We are very thankful for the amazing families in our St. Cletus School, Parish and community! Together, we can reach our goal and have a wonderful, spirited time – apart.

GIVE SMART AND ZOOM

We need you to do two things now before you can fully participate in this event.

First, register or login to Give Smart. As we have done in the past, all bidding for the silent auction items will be made online through Give Smart. (For those who have attended past auctions, Give Smart is the same as Gesture, just a new name.) You can register and login at

<https://Vegas2020.givesmart.com> You can also register by texting Vegas2020 to 762678.

Second, the live auction will be via Zoom. Please register for Zoom at <https://zoom.us>

RAFFLES

Split the Pot - You can purchase your chance now on our Give Smart website. The winner will be drawn May 16.

Wine Cork Raffle - Who could use a drink? We next will pull the winner of the Wine Cellar — 50 Bottles of wine, each valued at more than \$20. We will pull the winning cork and announce the winner live on Zoom. To purchase a wine cork, visit the website. The window for purchasing a wine cork will close at 6:45 p.m. on May 16. You need not be “present” at the live auction to win.

SILENT AUCTION

We have some incredible silent auction items. Bidding will open May 10 and will close on Sunday, May 17 at 10 p.m. You can view and bid on these items online at <https://Vegas2020.givesmart.com> Please share this link with your friends and family.

If you win an item, items will be picked up at St. Cletus on Monday, May 18 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

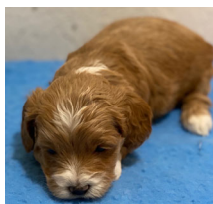
LIVE AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Our emcee for the Live Auction is Tom Reisel, who will call out the bids and get us to the final winners for each of our exciting auction items.

Grill - Do you find yourself cooking more at home these days? We will have live bidding for an outdoor grill valued at over \$1000 along with a \$500 gift certificate to Casey's Meat Market. We will use the chat function on Zoom to facilitate bidding for the grill. Bidding on this item will begin at \$750.



Puppy - We will end the evening with live bidding for a 9-week old Cockapoo puppy. A St. Cletus “foster” family will pick up the puppy from the breeder that morning and will have the puppy at the Zoom live auction. We will use the chat function on Zoom to facilitate bidding for the puppy, with Tom Reisel calling out the bids and final winner. We will deliver the puppy to the winner, immediately following the live auction. Bidding for the puppy will begin at \$1000.



More info on our website, auction.stcletusschool.com.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

- Gloves (all sizes)
- Hand sanitizer
- Canned fruit
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Canned meals (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.)
- Peanut Butter (standard size, about 16 oz)
- Canned or dry milk

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.

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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 UPDATE

Zoom Call with President Obama: Every week during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Greater Chicago Food Depository has hosted a video call with their network of food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. These calls are an opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities while getting the latest information to front-line organizations.

This week's call had a very special SURPRISE guest – the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama. President Obama joined us by video to personally offer encouraging words, ask important questions about how to help, and heard from organizations like ours about what we need right now to face the growing need before us.

Near the end of our call, President Obama told us, “Know you’re doing the kind of work that makes communities stronger and makes the world a better place.”

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MAUREEN SOLDAT

For the past 25+ years Maureen has been volunteering at the food pantry.

She has always been a staple at our check in table which means she knows just about everyone's name. She greets every guest with a smiling face, asks about their kids, and grand kids, ageing parents. She keeps track of people's health concerns and remembers to touch base to see how they are doing. Maureen sends cards to clients to wish them well, check in after a surgery, to see how chemo is going.

Maureen makes people laugh with her quick wit, sarcastic nature, and funny rhymes when she calls out the numbers. She brings in candy to refill at the table, knowing its a fun treat to help people feel a little more welcome at the pantry, especially on their first visit.

This week we were supposed to celebrate Maureen at the GEM Award Luncheon. Please join me in showering her with our love and gratitude for her generous spirit!

Thank you, Maureen!

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have cut back on our number of volunteer slots at the St. Cletus Food Pantry, in order to keep within recommended social distancing guidelines. This means our slots have been filling quickly. THANK YOU! If you haven't been able to grab one of our volunteer slots, considering volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. They are in need



of volunteers! PLUS, let them know you are from St. Cletus Food Pantry and you will earn \$15 for the pantry each time you volunteer! This helps us reduce our food expenses at a critical time. Check out their link for volunteer eligibility information and sign up. (Thanks to Josie and Kevin Berger for volunteering on behalf of St. Cletus Food Pantry!) <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/volunteer/>

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Please note the SVDP Donation Truck originally scheduled for May 16-17 HAS BEEN CANCELLED! We will update you if we are able to reschedule this year.

MOTHER'S "DAY" BABY SHOWER COLLECTION

The Area Respect Life Ministry is hosting the 29th annual Mother's "Day" Baby Shower. **Donations can be dropped off at WCC (136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange, IL 60525) on Monday, May 11 from 1:00-5:00. Please pull up to the back door for drop off.** A staff member will be there to collect your items safely.

Wish List: Books (toddler age), Newborn Onesies/outfits, Diapers sizes NB- 6, Wipes, Pull-ups, Baby clothing- all sizes, Toddler clothing- through 5T, Newborn onesies, Breastfeeding pillows, Breastfeeding pillow covers, Nursing covers, Toiletries (baby soap, baby lotion, etc), Desitin, Swaddle blankets, Swaddle wraps, Belly butter (for moms), Belly wraps, Diaper backpacks, Lanolin, Breastmilk storage bags (Medela, Lansinoh, etc), Nursing pads, Sleepsacks (for babies), and Bathing tubs.



A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

We remember Sarai who was taunted by others in the household because of her inability to have children. All-encompassing God we pray for those who feel excluded when we emphasize one kind of family as normal.

We remember Esther, who was adopted and raised by her cousin. God who embraces us all, we pray for those who cannot be raised by their parents, for a short time or permanently.

We remember the mother of Moses, who placed him into a raft on the river. Saving God, we pray for parents who struggle to raise their children in oppressive circumstances.

We remember Hannah, who loved her child so much she handed him over to another to raise. Loving God, we pray for parents who have placed their child in another family.

We remember Naomi, who grieved the death of her sons. God, who grieves with us, we pray for parents who mourn the death of a child.

We remember Ruth, who gave up her family to be family to another. Inclusive God, we pray for those who choose to be family to those isolated by culture or language or distance.

We remember Elizabeth, who had a child in old age and we remember Mary, who had a child as a teenager. Ageless God, we pray that as a community we accept people of varying life stages and responsibilities and relationships.

We remember Rachel, crying for her children. God of justice and hope, we pray for those whose children are killed, and look to a time when children can live safely in their communities.

We remember Lois and Eunice, who taught Timothy faith by example. Faithful God we pray for those who teach us faith by their lives, may we remember that we also teach about you in the way we live.

We remember other people, not named in the Scriptures, like the mother of the prodigal son. Companion God, we pray for those who wait for a phone call or a visit, cut off from family and friends by distance and disagreement.

Nurturing God, we give thanks for those who enrich our lives by their presence

who teach us about your abundant love

who encourage us to journey in faith.

Rev. Patty Lawrence

WORD OF LIFE



"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Religious Education

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?



Happy Mother's Day to all of our special Moms! This includes any person who offers nurturing, love, and support to children. You don't have to give birth to be a mother figure to someone. Godmothers, Aunts and teachers are examples that come to mind of people who put the needs of a child first and provide love and support to help them to flourish. As Catholics, we have a wonderful example of motherhood in Mary, the Blessed Mother. It's no coincidence that we celebrate May as the Month of Mary and Mother's Day.

Mary is the ultimate example of saying "Yes" to God, to allowing the Holy Spirit to guide her, and for nurturing love. Her life wasn't easy. She suffered through some of the same challenges and emotions Moms today have: **anxiety** when they had to flee to Egypt, **being scared**

and **upset** when Jesus was missing in the temple, trying to be **encouraging and supportive** to Jesus at the Wedding Feast of Cana, **being there to pick him up** when he stumbled and fell as a child, and being **courageous** enough to trust God despite the pain, uncertainty, and hard times. Mary saw and felt it all, and that makes her the perfect model for Mothers. This Mother's Day, let's ask Mary to show us the radical power of surrender and trust in God, and the beauty of a heart full of love.



The Religious Education Office sent out an At-Home Family Lesson celebrating Mother's Day. We hope you have fun as a family celebrating the Moms in our lives. We would like to spotlight the Radulski Family today. They are taking the time to find creative ways to spend time, grow and love as a family. What a blessing to be together as a family!

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Sunday Notes



VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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MARY OUR MOTHER

What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
 Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
 Thursday: St. Matthias
 Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer
 Saturday: Armed Forces Day

SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA’I (1840-1889)

May 10

In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on *Late Night with David Letterman*, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka’i.

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi; Mother Teresa; and, though Williams’ film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien’s statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint’s universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders’ idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ’s light into Moloka’i’s bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: “We lepers,” he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them.

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HUGS

A mom’s hug lasts long after she lets go.

—Anonymous

Other Ministry News

MUSIC MINISTRY

For quite a few years now I have been involved with the St. Cletus School students musically assisting with their masses. This has involved individual rehearsals with cantors (many of whom you have seen on Sunday morning masses...they're awesome!), rehearsing with individual grades prior to their all-school masses, selecting music with Mary Claire Zurowski, the St. Cletus School music teacher, and in general assisting the teachers as needed as they prepare for the school masses.

The theme for the 2019-20 school year, which unfortunately abruptly ended in mid-March, was "Angels Among Us." Last summer in researching that title, I found the song "Angels Among Us" which was recorded by Alabama. (Alabama is an American country and Southern rock band formed in 1969.) This song was taught to all the students and sung at most of their school masses. In view of this current world situation, the words take on new meaning. Here are they are:

Oh I believe there are, angels among us
Sent down to us, from somewhere up above
They come to you and me, in our darkest hours
To show us how to live, to teach us how to give
To guide us with the light of love

When life held troubled times, and had me down on my knees
There's always been someone, to come along, and comfort me
A kind word from a stranger, to lend a helping hand
A phone call from a friend, just to say, I understand
But ain't it kind of funny, at the dark end of the road
That someone lights the way, with just a single ray of hope

If you'd like to listen to the entire song, simply search the internet for: Angels Among Us Alabama and you'll find the official recording.

I'd like to suggest that each one of you pick out one person who has been your "Angel" in your darkest hour; think about what they have done for you, how they have "Guided you with the(ir) light of love!" And once you've come up with that person, reach out to them and share the above words/song with them and let them know how important they are to you!

And finally, if there are any school families reading this, how about taking a video of your student singing this song (refrain would be great!) and send it to me at: kziemba@stcletusparish.com or text 708-710-0644. I'll figure out how to put them together and hopefully get them up on the parish website.

I truly miss seeing all parishioners; hopefully hugs and in-person smiles will return sooner rather than later. In God's time! Stay healthy; stay safe.

Karen Ziemba
Director of Music Ministries

NOTES FROM A COOK COUNTY JAIL VOLUNTEER

During this crisis we have been praying much for our first responders, healthcare workers, paramedics, police, fire etc.- quite rightly

However, I'd like us to add to our devotions the officers at jails and prisons, especially Cook County jail, who daily face the hazard of Covid19 in spaces, where social distancing is not possible.

Additionally, they face the hazard of dealing with unruly, dangerous, mentally unstable individuals in such conditions and they seem to be forgotten by the media.

However, they are not forgotten by the ministers of Kolbe House Jail Ministry. My partner Sr. Betty Smigla SP and I always pray for the officers (to be patient and understanding) and judges (to be fair) even as we minister to the detainees.

During this pandemic, Kolbe House has a weekly Zoom prayer service where the intentions include all involved in and impacted by our criminal justice system (including the victims).

I would ask that you also include such an intention in your daily prayers.

Additionally, while we have been unable to visit we have made cards for the detainees to let them know while we can't visit, they are still in our thoughts and prayers.

These are difficult times for all of us but please reflect on the particularly hazardous daily duty of jail and prison officers, and the unhealthy conditions of their charges, who have to co-exist in necessarily confined and dangerous conditions.

May God Bless the St Cletus community and keep us safe
- Marlene

YOUTH MINISTRY

Alpha Online - All Are Welcome!

You, your friends, family, neighbors are invited to join

us for Alpha Online. All are welcome - no matter the faith background or where you live - we can all gather online!

Alpha is designed to help bring us closer to God in a fun, safe, friendly, judgement-free environment. There is no commitment. It is free.

We have two options: Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Each session will include a gathering time when we hope



Join the conversation.
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to laugh a bit, a short film on a faith topic, and then a small group conversation all via Zoom. Some topics include: Who Is Jesus?, How Can I Have Faith?, What Does the Holy Spirit Do?, and Why and How Do I Pray? Register online at pvm.archchicago.org/evangelization/events, or email officeforevangelization@archchicago.org for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. June 9th. In the likely event that we will still be following guidelines for sheltering at home, this will also be a Zoom discussion.

Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

LETTER FROM PARISHIONER GRACE BERGER

Each Mother's Day my mom and I light a candle and say a prayer for my biological mother who chose LIFE for my twin sister and I. I have been invited and chosen to be a part of an organization called **Biking for Babies**. The mission of Biking for Babies is to renew the Culture of Life, one pedal stroke and one pregnancy resource center at time, by increasing PRC awareness, raising financial and spiritual support, and forming young adults, like myself, into pro-life missionaries.

This July, I have a special opportunity to travel across the country, from **Green Bay, WI** to **St. Louis, MO** to bring

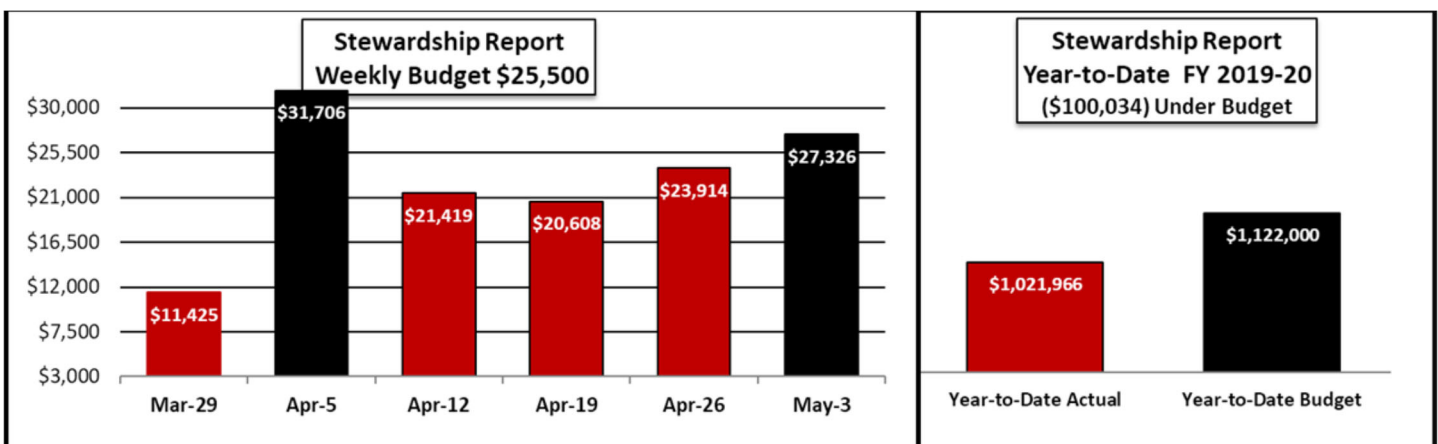
awareness to centers across the country that help women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies. A part of our formation includes fundraising for life-affirming pregnancy resource centers to decrease the cost of services to families in crisis pregnancy situations.

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by giving up his **LIFE** so that we may have **Eternal Life** with His Good Father in heaven. The physical, mental, and emotional challenges I will face on this trip are so small in comparison to the sacrifice our Lord made, on the cross, for us. This **six-day** trip will call me and my teammates to offer up our comfort, as we bike 120+ miles every day and find solidarity, in small ways, with women who have unplanned pregnancies. I am very excited about this national ride. To best help these pregnancy resource centers, I have set my own fundraising goal of **\$3,500** and 100% of the gifts I collect will go to these life-saving centers. I hope you are able to make a donation that will help me achieve this life-saving goal. Any contribution you are able to give toward this cause is greatly appreciated. I am praying that 25 people will assist me with a gift between \$50 and \$100.

Please donate online at www.bikingforbabies.com; *or* make checks payable to "Biking for Babies," with **my name** in the **memo** line. If you are unable to donate at this time, I ask for your prayers as I travel on this mission. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely in Christ,
Grace V. Berger

Stewardship Report



ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Please consider supporting St. Cletus Parish by enrolling in electronic giving during the temporary closing due to COVID-19. It is SO EASY! Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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