

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11



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## The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and  
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- JAN. 9: St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Meeting
- JAN. 17: CREDO - *Pivotal Players*
- JAN. 28: St. Cletus School Open House
- FEB. 9: Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus - *Cabaret*
- MAR. 3: St. Cletus Spring Auction - *Night at the Races*



## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 8 - January 14, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	George Lathrop, Eva & Stanley Grabowski
Tuesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	JJ Farrell, Joseph Vieceli
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Florence Surber
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Helen Lesh, Giovanna Vieceli
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bob Thomas Elizabeth Hauptmann, Dennis Gabriel, Daniel E Moore, Jay Wilkins, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac, Ken Kakareka
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac, Stacy Baker Lester & Bruno Buczek Giles Nabor, Frank Skrip Sr. St. Cletus Parishioners Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**Shirley Kwilinski**

**Catherine McMillin**

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### ENVELOPES IN PEWS NEXT WEEKEND



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week, there will be envelopes in the pews for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america). Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### 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.*

**December** - Kyle Marsden, Frank Colonna

**November** - Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Eileen R. Peters, Kay Petalick, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley

**October** - Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfig, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso, Connie Monzel, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowski, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Frank Niwa

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

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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!

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

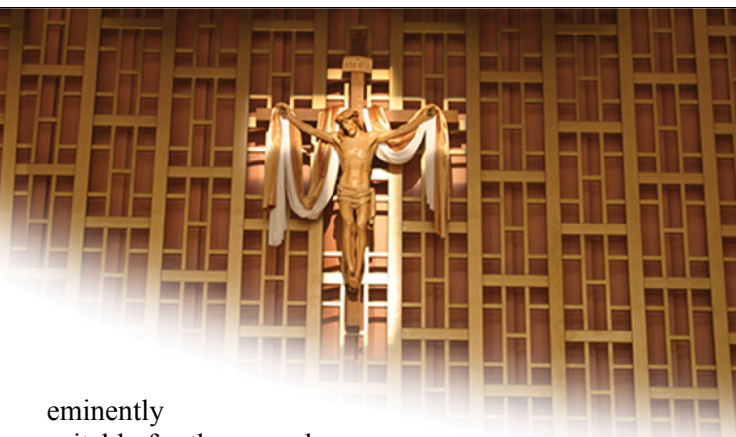
### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2018

A pilgrim to the Holy Land was one day praying in the underground cave at Bethlehem, when he heard an unusual hubbub in the basilica above. It grew louder; it seemed to be getting ever nearer. Then, suddenly, the grotto was flooded with a crowd of West Africans led by three magnificent black bishops. Everything about them – their glistening eyes, their chants, their brilliantly colored clothes – seemed to speak of a childlike delight. Not even the Magi in their traditional garb could have cut so splendid a sight. After a period of prayer, they retraced their steps to the basilica above and there celebrated the Mass of the Epiphany. It was a woman, dressed even more sumptuously than the rest, who read the passage from Isaiah we heard today: “Arise, shine out...for your light has come...the nations come to your light.” The pilgrim realized that the ancient prophecy was being fulfilled yet again.

The story of the Magi, recorded by Matthew, has an almost magical charm about it which befits this wonderful Christmas season. But of course what matters is not so much the story as the message it conveys. It’s possible to get lost in questions, such as: how many Magi were there (Matthew doesn’t say), or where exactly did they come from (“from the east” is not very helpful), or what kind of star was it that could guide them and then pinpoint the location of the stable? To get hung up on such questions is to risk missing the real point of the story.

And the real point of the story, its message, is that the tiny Child of Bethlehem is meant for all humankind, and that he is worth seeking, at whatever cost. Like a wondrous light that can never be extinguished, he draws people from every land towards him. His first visitors, as we heard on Christmas Day, were a handful of Jewish shepherds; his second, we learn today, are a group of pagan, that is, non-Jewish, Wise Men, travelling from far-away lands. The very word “epiphany” means a revelation: today we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is for everyone. As Paul explained in our second reading, God has laid bare his eternal plan, which is that the whole world, pagans therefore as well as Jews, are to be sharers in the same inheritance.

The gifts the Wise Men bring are significant, for they speak subtly of the identity of the Child in the manger. They show why he is worth seeking: gold – the royal metal; how fitting for one born to be King; sweet-smelling incense – used for worship of God and so



eminently suitable for the one who is God-made-man; and myrrh – used for embalming the dead: even this apparently odd gift is appropriate, for this Child has come into the world to lay down his life as our Savior.

Among the blessings of the Second Vatican Council was the decision to describe the Church as a pilgrim people. Like the Magi, we’re pilgrims, we’re on a journey; our guiding star is the precious gift of faith; we’d be lost without it, for so long as this life lasts we remain pilgrims. The Magi had to make a long, arduous journey before they found the Lord. Perhaps friends and families ridiculed them; there must surely been times on the way when they felt like giving up; and when the journey was almost over they ran into King Herod.

The Christian pilgrimage too has its hazards; it sometimes invites ridicule, can even seem a waste of time. Yet persevere in it we must; nothing else is so important. Sunday Mass, a kind of milestone on the way, enables us to take our bearings, ensure that we are on course and receive in Communion the food needed for the journey. It is only at the end that we shall find what we’ve always been looking for (even if we’ve sometimes sought it in the wrong place), what in fact we were made for – the face to face vision of Jesus, the light of our lives.

The word used to describe our Lord’s visitors does not, strictly speaking, mean “wise men”. All the same, it isn’t a bad way of describing them: the truly wise people in this world are those who have wisdom not simply of the head but also of the heart, the kind of wisdom that leads them to pin their hopes on the star of their faith and to follow it courageously to the end.

May that kind of wisdom be granted to us all.

*Fr. Bob*

**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**

# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Break .....December 23-January 7  
 Catholic Schools Week Open House..... January 28  
 Spring Auction ..... March 3

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Mark your calendars and  
 Join us Sunday, January 28th  
 for our Catholic Schools Week

# Open House

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

St. Cletus School is a national Blue Ribbon school, recognized by the U. S. Department of Education in 2014. Its elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, the State of Illinois Learning Standards, and benchmarks established by the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to our 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade program with an average classroom size of 21 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4- year-old half and full-day preschool, as well as half and full-day kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Student Council, scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- ◆ Applications are now being accepted for new students for the 2018-19 school year.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Open House is Sunday, January 28, 2018. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the education building next door to Church from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us to tour the school and meet our faculty, staff, and school families!

Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:30 AM and 3:00 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school.

St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Chinske  
 Principal

Christy Schaefer  
 Assistant Principal

March 3, 2018  
 St. Cletus Parish Center

**A NIGHT AT THE RACES**

**ST. CLETUS  
 SPRING AUCTION  
 2018**



# The Epiphany of the Lord

## GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

## EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run  
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,  
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud  
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

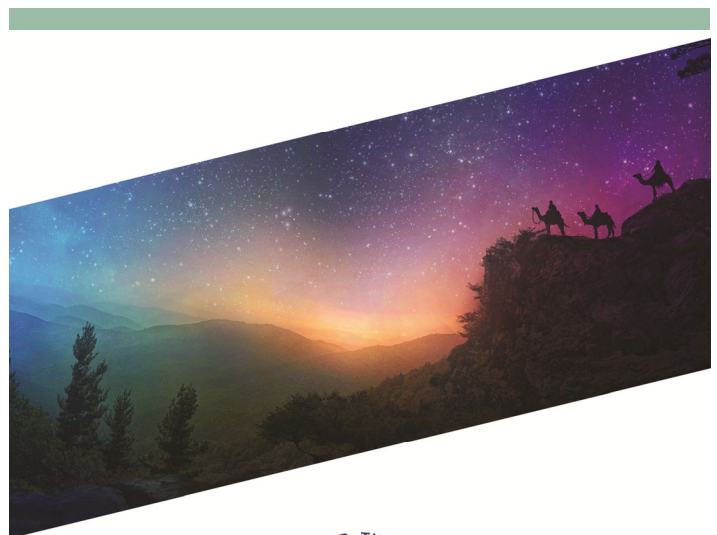
—Sir John Beaumont

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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



BEHOLD, THE STAR

that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.  
~ Matthew 2:9

## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Cereal
- Laundry detergent
- Toiletries
- Canned soup
- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)

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

Thanks to all those who participated in the 2017 CROP Walk. Over a dozen congregations participated and collected funds that support 5 area food pantries, including ours. Because of the hard work and dedication of these volunteers we received a donation of \$854.82! We hope you'll consider joining us on the walk next year!



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*

### GIVING TREE WORD OF THANKS

In addition to the overwhelming gratitude expressed by our Giving Tree recipients on the day of distribution, many verbal and written words of appreciation continue to come in. Let me share a sampling with you, whose faithfulness allows this ministry to continue.

*"Thank you for being a part of our beautiful team."*

*"To the nice people of St. Cletus, thank you for the presents and the bag of food!"*

*"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."*

*"Thank you for everything."*

*"Thank you! You spoiled me this year!"*

*"Thank you for everything you've done for our family."*

*"I pray that love and joy goes to your family."*

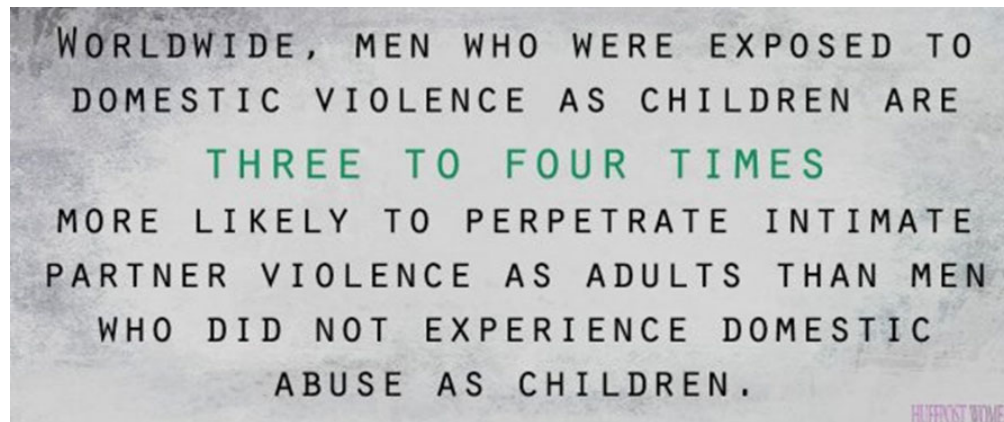
Let us continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in the New Year.

### 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.*

### WORD OF LIFE

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



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card

## **OFFICE OF HUMAN DIGNITY & SOLIDARITY IMMIGRATION MINISTRY**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**National Migration Week: "Many Journeys, One Family" January 7–14, 2018**



*"I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone... I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families." -Pope Francis*

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the US has celebrated National Migration Week to reflect on the circumstances confronting immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking. Today, more than 65 million people are forcibly displaced around the world, and more than 22 million are refugees. The US is the cornerstone of the international humanitarian system. We must maintain our leadership and protect life-saving U.S. humanitarian assistance.

**ACTION:** Respond to the call and urge your legislators to protect poverty-reducing international assistance and include passage of the Dream Act (H.R. 3440/S. 1615). USCCB website: [www.JusticeforImmigrants.org](http://www.JusticeforImmigrants.org). For additional ways to advocate for immigrants and refugees visit: [www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org](http://www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org)

## **PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY**

As part of the Archdiocesan Renew My Church initiative, St. Francis Xavier Peace and Justice Ministry is reaching out to members of St. Cletus to extend an invitation to join this important work. The Peace and Justice Ministry carries out the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount; to work for peace and justice in our community, the world and on behalf of all creation; to involve the parish and the broader community in this mission; and to create awareness through education, dialogue and action. If you're interested in learning more or joining the Peace and Justice committee please join us for the **next meeting on Wed., Jan. 10, 7:15-8:30pm in the SFX Rectory.**

## **INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

### **Transferable Skills!**

Join us on Thursday, January 18, 7-9 pm for this highly engaging and focused skill building session specifically designed to help you identify the transferable skills that can help create more opportunity in your job search. Transferable skills are your key to making the match, widening your search and expanding your "qualifications" for a new industry, field or role that "fits". Are you stuck on a "one track" job search with limited opportunities? Are your past experiences defining your future opportunities? Are you not exactly qualified but you know you can do the job? Come get the information and inspiration you need to expand your thinking and take your search to the next level. Our speaker is Jody Eriksen, a Certified Professional Career Coach providing customized support and training for individuals who want to expand their vision, take action and achieve results in their careers. She will empower and inspire you to reach for the next level of success.

Join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

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

## **INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Interfaith Community Partner now offers delivery service from area libraries to home-bound older adults. Interfaith Community Partners has united with four local libraries to offer home-bound delivery service for older adults, 60 and better, with the intention of providing library materials to people who would have no other way to receive them. These partnering libraries include La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs, and Hodgkins. How it works is that every two weeks, volunteers from ICP will deliver books and other library material to your door on a Saturday. After two weeks, a volunteer will pick them up and drop off a new batch.

To sign up and request your library materials, you need to have a valid library card from your respective library in the town in which you live and you need to complete a form which you may download and print by visiting [www.InterfaithCommunityPartners.org](http://www.InterfaithCommunityPartners.org) and clicking on Services.

If you have further questions, please call the ICP office at 708-354-9328.



# Youth Ministry

## JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING NEW YEAR IN YOUTH MINISTRY!

Welcome to 2018! As part of your new year’s resolution, you can make the decision to get more involved in our Youth Ministry program at St. Cletus! We offer a variety of opportunities for our Teens to get involved in serving our community each month through organized service projects, to focus more on themselves through different retreat opportunities throughout the year, and other social activities such as gatherings and organized recreational sports. Come and join us!

Here are some upcoming events to add to your calendar:

**January 12-14** Fretus Identity retreat for Freshman and Sophomores

**January 17** Encounter – Come to the Rally and Send off for the March for Life participants who will depart from St. Cletus to travel to Washington DC. Join us in the Church at 6 p.m. to be a part of this fun and energetic rally!



**January** Kairos applications for K28 will be available online. Kairos is a phenomenal retreat for Juniors and Seniors. Stay tuned for more details!



**February** Sign up for Women’s Church League will begin! Come and cheer on our St. Cletus Young Men’s Church League teams in the playoffs!



**February 11** Encounter – Join us for Happy Hour at Eve Assisted Living in Hinsdale!

**March 28** Encounter – Come together to make lunches for clients of Beds Plus



**April** Encounter – Help us to make a meal for residents of the Ronald McDonald House, date TBD



**May 5** Encounter – Outing to Feed My Starving Children



## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS



**Want to know how to stay connected to your Catholic Faith during college?**

Join us Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish Center for pizza and conversation with Mychal and Tina Augustine, FOCUS Missionary leaders. They will provide hands on tools and ways to support teens preparing to head off to college. Parents are welcome to join us too!

## CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!



**Are you looking for an engaging summer job that allows you to impact hundreds of teens and youth, and be paid doing it?**

We’ve got the job for you! You can work for the Archdiocese of Chicago as a Totus Tuus Missionary. You will spend 6 weeks during the summer evangelizing youth, and are paid \$2,000 +, plus food and lodging! The program runs from May 27th to July 28th (you get a one week break from June 30-July 7 to enjoy the Independence holiday with family and friends). Totus Tuus is accepting applications for its summer mission program from both college men and women now through early March.

Apply or get additional information at [chicagopriest.com](http://chicagopriest.com). You can also find additional information at [www.totustuuschicago.com](http://www.totustuuschicago.com) or look for the brochures in the back of Church.

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# Religious Education

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE!**

Welcome to 2018! We know that this will be an exciting year for our RE families! The next few months will be action packed with classes and sacramental celebrations! Please take the time to update your 2018 calendar with these important upcoming RE dates:

**January 21 & 22**

Regular RE class schedule

**January 22**

First Grade Church Tour at 6 p.m. in Church

**January 27**

Family Session for all RE Families in Parish Center from 10am-12pm

**February 1**

Confirmation Practice 6:30-8 p.m. in Church

**February 3**

Confirmation Celebration at 1 p.m. in Church

**February 4&5, 11&12, 25&26**

Regular RE class schedule

**February 27**

First Communion Parent Meeting 7-8 p.m. Morrissey Hall

**March 4&5, 11&12, 18&19**

Regular RE class schedule

**April 8&9, 15&16, 22&23, 29&30**

Regular RE class schedule

**April 21**

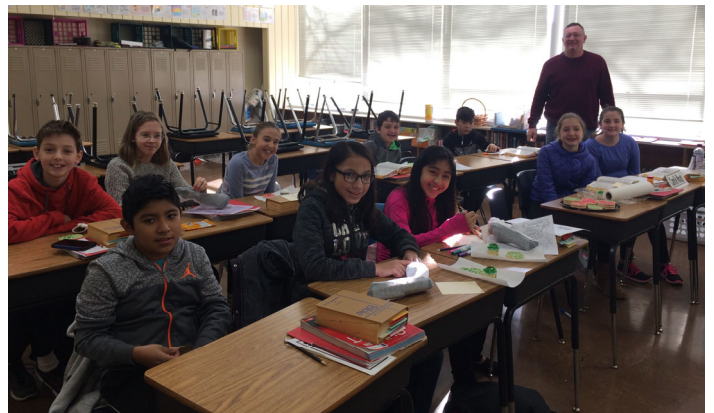
First Communion Retreat

**May 8 & 9**

First Communion Practices

**May 12**

First Communion Celebrations



## Other Ministry News

### SCCCW - ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



#### SAVE THE DATE & COME TO THE PARTY



CCW will be celebrating its first anniversary at our regular January meeting!

**Date:** January 9, 2018  
**Place:** Gallagher room in the Parish Center  
**Time:** 7:00pm

Don't miss the party with food, fun & games, fellowship & a toast to our dynamic group of parish women!

Come join us and become a member if you aren't already....a great New Year's resolution!

#### PIVOTAL PLAYERS



The fourth influential person in Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players is Blessed John Henry Newman. We will learn how he influenced Vatican Council II. All are welcome to attend. We will meet Wednesday, January 17 at 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building. The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it. Please use the side doors of the school next to the church.

CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

#### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Donate Online**

*Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?*

It is **SO EASY!** Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://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 at 708.352.6209.

#### BOOK DISCUSSION

February 13 – *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Kelly  
 April 10 – *Colony* by Anne R. Siddons  
 Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.

#### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

The Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Cabaret will be held in the St. Cletus Parish Center on Friday, February 9th. Tony Kidonakis is back on piano with Shana Petrone on vocals and Jeff Snyder returns on the sax! \$40 with RSVP, \$45 at the door. RSVP online at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com). Admission includes beer, wine, and snacks. We hope to see you there!

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES EVENTS

The 17th Annual d'Vine Affair returns to The Union League Club of Chicago on Sunday, January 28 from 2 to 6 p.m. Proceeds from the d'Vine Affair benefit Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency Programs in Cook and Lake Counties. Reservations: [www.catholiccharities.net/dvine](http://www.catholiccharities.net/dvine).

The 4th Annual Patrick J. Ryan Main Event is coming up on Friday, February 2, at 6 p.m. at Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace. Funds will benefit the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program for Children and Youth. Visit [www.catholiccharities.net/pjrmainevent](http://www.catholiccharities.net/pjrmainevent).

#### 9 DAYS FOR LIFE



## JOIN THE ST. CLETUS MUSIC MINISTRY



The St. Cletus Music Ministry is blessed to offer so many opportunities to those who enjoy using their God-given musical talents! We invite you to join one of our choirs; no previous experience or music-reading skill required – only a desire to sing praise to the Lord!

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 p.m. mass; rehearsals are held immediately prior to the mass at 4 p.m. with occasional additional rehearsals as needed. 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 p.m. mass with an occasional appearance at the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday morning. Rehearsals are at 4 p.m. on Saturday; a schedule with additional rehearsal times will be published shortly. High school students will enjoy singing more contemporary music; additional instrumentalists would also be welcomed.

Our **Youth Choirs** are open to all boys and girls, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, attending either a public school or St. Cletus School. These choirs generally sing at the Sunday, 11 a.m. mass approximately 1-2 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 Mondays from 4-5 p.m.

**Children's Choir** is open to students in grades 3 and 4. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m.

Our **Good Shepherd Choir** is part of the St. Cletus Compassionate Care Ministry. This choir provides music for funerals and memorial services. Volunteers do NOT have to be available every day of the week.

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 Ministry: [kziemba@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kziemba@stcletusparish.com) or call 708.215.5423 or 708.710.0644. Please, come sing with us!



## BEDS 6TH ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD EVENT



Please join us for the sixth annual Soup & Bread Event benefiting BEDS Plus.

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3–7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets, 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside

Join us for this cozy, family friendly gathering featuring 16 restaurant partners, a variety of sweet table items, 5 musical acts and craft beer tasting. Tickets are \$25 per person. Children under 12 are free.

Tickets: <http://beds-plus.org/soup--bread-event.html>

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO EVENTS

### March for Life Mass and Rally January 14, 2018

Marching in peace through the streets of Chicago during an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting all human life. Our goal is to serve as a visual and vocal reminder that the people of Chicago and the Midwest stand for LIFE.

**Youth Rally** - The Youth Rally will start from The Frances Xavier Warde Catholic School on 751 North State Street Chicago, IL 60654. Doors open at 8 a.m. door and the rally will end at Holy Name Cathedral around 11 a.m., when Mass will be celebrated. Cost: \$10 per ticket.

**Mass** - Cardinal Cupich will preside. Mass starts at 11 a.m. at Holy Name Chicago. Please visit [www.marchforlife-chicago.org/marchinfo/](http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/marchinfo/) for more info.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25, 2018

Early in each new year, the Church enters into the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.” This year’s observance, January 18-25, is especially meaningful on account of the October 31 reaffirmation of the covenant between the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Archdiocese of Chicago. It included a commitment to work together to diminish the violence that afflicts our communities. In this effort, praying together is essential. Resources for Catholic parishes and Christian congregations to pray for unity together can be found at [www.geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity](http://www.geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity). To learn more about prayer services for unity taking place in and around Chicago during this week, visit [www.archchicago.org/eia](http://www.archchicago.org/eia).



## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN



#### Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.

"I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."

March 3 & 4, 2018 OLA Retreat House, Lemont  
(Overnight incl.- no commuters.)

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.

### BELLARMINE JESUIT RETREATS

"The Beatitudes: A Faith for Head, Heart, & Hands" an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Women. February 2-4, 2018 with Carol Ackels.

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House • 420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261 • www.JesuitRetreat.org.

### PASSION PLAY TRIP TO GERMANY

13 DAYS, 11 CITIES & 3 COUNTRIES Skyline Travel is proud to offer an exclusive travel experience culminating in an once-in-a-decade excursion to Oberammergau's Passion play in Germany! RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY! \$200 per person non-refundable deposit. Only 45 spots available. Estimated Air-Inclusive Package \$6,350.00 per person based on double occupancy. Call Skyline Travel at 630-963-2277 for details.

### ST. BARBARA'S IN BROOKFIELD

Multicultural Taste of St. Barbara on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 6-9pm in the St. Barbara Parish Center, 4015 Prairie Ave., Brookfield, IL. Food and drink tickets available at the door. Bring the family for food, drink, raffles & fun!

### LTHS TRIVIA NIGHT

**February 3, 2018 - Hosted by LTHS Booster Club & PTC**  
Support your local high school at our Trivia Night Fundraiser. Doors open at 6 pm, Questions at 7 pm Via Bella, 5412 S. LaGrange Rd. , Countryside. Please register teams by January 21st. Buy tickets online at: ltboosters.com/shop-support/

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PASTORAL MINISTRY WINTER 2018

#### Divorce and Beyond Support

Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

January 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8

Register: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond) or call the Parish Office (708) 246-4404. Cost: \$10 fee

#### Marriage Enrichment

The 7 Principles Retreat is a positive, must-have experience for married couples based on 40+ years of groundbreaking relationship research.

January 13, January 20 & February 3 from 9am-Noon in the Parish Center. Cost: \$195 per couple Cost includes: 9 hours of instruction by trained Gottman educators, 1 copy of The 7 Principles Book , 2 Couple Workbooks.

#### Support Ministry for the Bereaved

Seasons of Hope meets for six consecutive weeks, three times per year. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend.

Mondays 7:00-8:30p.m. - Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

More info: [www.stjohnofthecross.org/](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/)

### COMBONI MISSION

The Comboni Fathers of LaGrange Park invite you, to join them on a fifteen day Mission Trip, to Uganda. Fr. Chris Aleti, Director of the Comboni Mission Center, will be leading this trip, which will leave Chicago on May 31st, and return on June 14th, 2018. If you are interested in joining, please contact them at 708.354.1999 or [cmcoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmcoffice@sbcglobal.net). The Fathers will be hosting planning meetings, at the end of February, to finalize the details of the trip.

## Preferred Providers



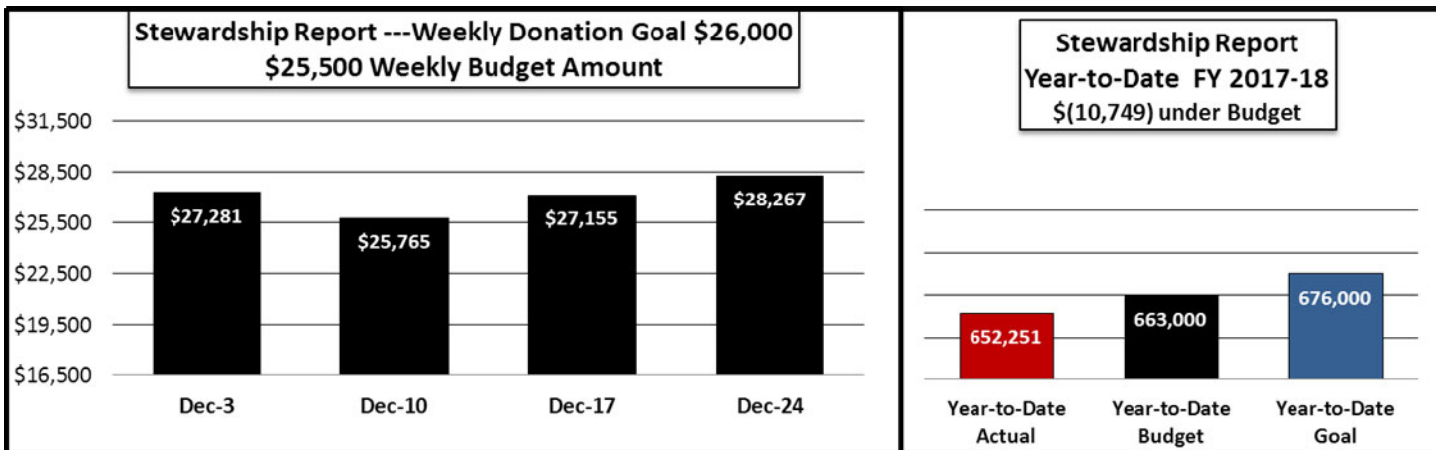
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*Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.*

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 7			
Monday, January 8	4:00pm 6:00pm 8:30pm 9:00pm	School Music Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym Morrissey Hall	Junior Choir Youth Ministry Retreat Planning Mtg Men's Basketball Boy's Church League
Tuesday, January 9	6:30pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	Rectory Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym	RCIA SCCCW General Meeting Boys' Church League Basketball
Wednesday, January 10	9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym	Mission Ladies Baptism Preparation Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, January 11	5:00pm 9:00pm	School Music Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, January 12			
Saturday, January 13	6:00pm	PC Gym	Boy's Church League Basketball
Sunday, January 14			

## Stewardship Report



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2017 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bkallal@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically.


Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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# St. Cletus Parish Information

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening before Holy Day ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Day.....6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care Office ..... (708) 215-5407

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

**Mission Statement:** St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.  
**Vision Statement:** 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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