

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



Archdiocesan Mass for Life

Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 5 p.m.

St. Cletus

600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL
(708) 352-6209
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We remember the innocent children lost and the women, men and families hurt through abortion as we reflect on the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Join Archbishop Blase Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life.



Archbishop Blase Cupich,
Principal Celebrant

“Each of us is *Willed*, each of us is *Loved*, each of us is *Necessary*.”

~Pope Benedict XVI



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- JAN. 8: 8pm Holy Name Society Meeting
- JAN. 9: 5pm Archdiocesan Mass for Life with Archbishop Blase Cupich
- JAN. 16: 8pm Fine Arts Series Fundraiser, Cabaret
- JAN. 31: Catholic Schools Week Open House



Mass Intentions for the Week of January 4 — January 10, 2016

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Kenneth Baker, Sr.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Ernest Lesh, Joe & Kay Klemak, Edwardine B. Wisner
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Jean Nowicki, Rev. Robert J. Shannon, Renee Saban, James Maveety, Walter Maveety
Friday	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners Benjamin Patrick Hyink, JJ Farrell and Mary Anne Farrell, Christine Brandbush, Fred Collecchia, Adeline Kulikowski, Robert Suchy
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Frances Kennedy, Eva & Stanley Grabowski St. Cletus Parishioners Joseph Tybor, Ola Maveety—Special Intention Gene Kennedy, Catherine Mlot, Zofia Pawula Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

WELCOME!
WEEKEND

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and

11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Cynthia Cozen, Al Dybicz, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Patricia Niwa, Allie DeRivera, Don King, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Alexandra DeRivera, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Peter D. Rivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, Dave McCoy, LaVerne Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA THIS WEEKEND

Envelopes will be available in the pews to continue to help develop evangelization and



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catechetical programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please place envelopes in the collection baskets. For more information, please see page 11 or visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION JANUARY 5



Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every first Tuesday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7-8 p.m.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate.

All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday the week before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

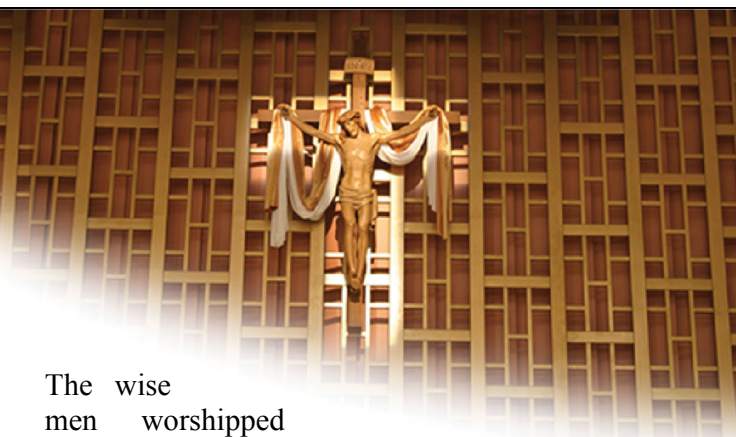
Notes from Fr. Bob...

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Children singing “twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are” are a reminder of the innocence of childhood and the way in which a child captures the wonder and mystery of the world in which we live. For children, the stars have a magical, mysterious character. For an adult, a starlit night in a dark sky can still evoke a sense of wonder. The thought of radio-telescopes penetrating the furthestmost points of the galaxy looking for dust and the presence of black holes sweeping up matter in the universe deepen the idea of the mystery in which we live. No wonder for ancient people the star pointed towards God’s activity in creation. For the wise men, the sight of the mysterious new star led them to go on pilgrimage to the Christ Child.

The second reading captures the heart of the message of Epiphany. The message of Christ is for all people; the death and resurrection of Christ saves all women and men and offers them the hope of eternal life. All are part of one body whose head is Christ. A light has shone in the darkness; through Christ there is a new meaning to human life and a new promise from God to his people.

The wise men that come bearing gifts help us to understand the person of Christ and the meaning of his birth. This birth is surrounded by mystery in the power and work of God is active. The star unites the work of God in the heavens and on earth. Three gifts point to the meaning of the person of the Christ Child. Gold is the gift which is a sign of Kingship. Christ reigns over all people as Christ the king. His kingship can be likened to a Shepherd king who cares and tends for his flock, who seeks out the lost sheep and wants to restore it to the fold. Frankincense is the gift which indicates that Jesus is the Son of God. The promise of God is fulfilled; God becomes flesh, lives among people, heals the sick and forgives sin. Myrrh is the gift which points to the fact that the Christ Child will die and be buried. He will be anointed with myrrh at burial. The feast of the Epiphany looks forward to the great celebration of Easter morning when the women come to the tomb and discover that Jesus has risen from the dead. God is triumphant over death.



The wise men worshipped and then returned home by a different route. The poet, T.S. Eliot, writes of the wise men looking back many years later and reflecting on this event. Their life had been changed. While they returned home, they were no longer at home there. The old life had lost its flavor and it seemed stale. The things that had been important now seemed unimportant. Life had been changed. They began to see life in a new way.

At the end of twelve days of Christmas celebration, we go back to our regular routine of daily life. Putting away the Christmas tree, the decorations and the tinsel is a sign of moving into the New Year. What has changed? At one level, very little. At another level, we have celebrated that the Epiphany speaks of the Good News of the birth of Christ for all people. Many images describe the Christian as a pilgrim, an alien in the world, living in the world but not of the world. The Christian will never be fully at home in the world. For Christians, as people on pilgrimage, the journey continues because there is no lasting city on earth. At the end of the pilgrimage is the joy of eternal life with God. Being a pilgrim is a reminder that the meaning of life has been turned upside-down by the birth of Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany reminds the family of the Church of its true priority; to see Christ’s face in one’s neighbor and to praise God.

Blessings of the Epiphany ,

Fr. Bob

*Fr. Bob
Pastor*

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

School Resumes January 4
 Pre-K through Grade 3 Winterfest January 15
 Catholic Schools Week Open House January 31

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Congratulations to St. Cletus students listed on local Catholic High School Honor Rolls

NAZARETH ACADEMY

A Honor Roll

Matthew Ashe
 Kevin Cahill
 Kevin Clarke
 Emma Decker
 Lauren Decker
 Maria Flach
 Marco Laghi
 Krystal Levitske
 Meghan Nelson
 Michelle Nelson
 Lauren Piskorski
 Emily Rausch
 Amanda Sadowski
 Deirdre Sheridan
 Andrew Staelgraeve

B Honor Roll

Margaret Degnan
 Ivana Escobedo
 Mary Clare Garvey
 Liam Kennedy
 Jonathan Levitske
 Cailey Muldoon

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors

Celia Alejandre

JOLIET CATHOLIC

B Honor Roll

Jack Gostkowski

FENWICK

First Honors

Matthew Franklin
 Sean Heslin
 Katherine Krecek

Second Honors

Gabriel D'Alessio
 Mira Burens
 Reid Burens
 Teresa Finucane
 Alexander Kapusta
 Luke Rohrbacher

Our Junior High Students enjoyed a field trip to Drury Lane to see "A Christmas Carol"



More photos from our St. Cletus School Christmas Programs (Thank You Sara Hodak!)



Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2016

In this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Epiphany celebrates God's mercy shining on the magi from a guiding star. Their kingdoms were far from Jerusalem, their religions far from God's covenant with Israel. At first the star led the magi to Jerusalem, where they could "recalculate" their quest with the help of God's own "GPS," the Jewish scriptures. How challenging and humbling for the magi to discover that they would find the world's Messiah not in a palace but with a poor couple in an insignificant village. That's where God's mercy, shining in the star, led the magi to worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Today the magi invite us to "recalculate" our life's journey during this Jubilee Year—to follow the star of God's mercy along the way of humble love, to discover a renewed personal relationship with Jesus ourselves and so become "guiding stars" leading other seekers to find Jesus, too.

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A YEAR OF MERCY

Clothe THE NAKED

For our sake, Jesus was stripped naked when he was nailed to the cross. *When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier.* (John 19:23)

We clothe and shelter those who have become most vulnerable among us. *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.* (Colossians 3:12)



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ONE WORD AT A TIME

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO ABOUT THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

During this *Jubilee of Mercy*, **One Word at a Time** has been created and produced exclusively for Archdiocese of Chicago parishioners, parishes, schools and ministries. Written by Fr. Louis Cameli and produced by Loyola Press, **One Word at a Time** provides a key word related to the Year, along with reflections on how to put that word into practice in our everyday lives. The words serve as the spark for a discussion of faith at home, at parish meetings, in the classroom, or as a personal reflection.

The **One Word at a Time** will begin by identifying the seven corporal works of mercy followed by the seven spiritual works of mercy. Again, these works of mercy that have a corporal or physical dimension as well as a spiritual one come to us from the Bible (especially Matthew 25:31-46) and our spiritual tradition. They are proven ways to share God's mercy with others.

In our efforts to engage more people in the *Jubilee of Mercy*, we ask all those who are inspired to tell us about it on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag **#MercyWords!**

The **ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO** in partnership with **LOYOLA PRESS**.
More on Pope Francis's vision at: www.loyolapress.com/popefrancis

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Youth Ministry

ARCHDIOCESAN SKI TRIP



This event takes place January 29th-30th. Buses depart Friday evening and travel to Galena, IL for an all-night ski adventure. We will arrive back early Saturday morning. If you are interested, please submit the permission form and fee no later than January 11th. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com. For information regarding cost and for registration, please visit the St. Cletus website. Parent volunteers encouraged to attend as well!!!

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

 "Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth.

MISSION TRIP 2016

The Mission Trip planning is underway for the summer of 2016. St. Cletus will again be taking a group of teens who



young neighbors *in action* ▶▶

have completed at least one year of high school through the Young Neighbors in Action service experience the week of July 10th-16th to Detroit, MI. YNIA offers teens a way to grow in faith and join in prayer while also participating in mission and serving those in need. This year's theme is taken from Amos 5:24, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Registration is open now through January 22nd or until all spots are taken. For more information regarding cost and for registration, please visit the St. Cletus website. Meetings for team building, mission formation, and fundraising plans will begin this winter. **Adult chaperones are needed** to make this possible!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

We will meet again to discuss upcoming socials and service projects including our mission trip this summer! Join us to learn more and offer input on Thursday, January 14th 7-8 pm in Room 200.

Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

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Other Ministry Notes

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE AT ST. CLETUS JANUARY 9TH 5 P.M. MASS



We remember the innocent children lost and the women, men and families hurt through abortion as we reflect on the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Join Archbishop Blase Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life.

Sponsored by St. Cletus Parish and the Respect Life Office.

WORD OF LIFE

“We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love.”

— Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. “2015 Respect Life Month Statement: Every Life is Worth Living” (www.goo.gl/GVYQZY)



NEXT HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH



The St. Cletus Parish Holy Name Society is looking for new members. Dues are only \$5 each year. The next meeting will be held on January 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 98. The topic will be upcoming events. Please join us!

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL 2ND GRADE SERVICE

This year for our service project, St. Cletus School second graders will be collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please help us by collecting your tabs at home and sending them to school. We will be saving pop tabs throughout the year and appreciate all of your help. -Thank you. Second Grade



LEISURE LOAFERS

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday, January 7th at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see all of you there!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS



On the weekend of February 13- 14th, the PPC will host a Ministry Fair in Morrissey Hall where every ministry in the parish will be on display. Members will be available to describe their work and answer questions. Recognizing that each New Year in our lives is filled with its own graces, joys, and challenges we encourage you to consider opportunities at St. Cletus and in 2016 “resolve” to be involved in parish life.

For further information, please call Helen McMahon at 708-579-5913 or Susan Hurley at 708-374-9773.

JOYFUL AGAIN WIDOWED MINISTRY

Widowed? Finding Holidays difficult? at JA Widowed Ministry we understand.



Workshop/retreat for the widowed: January 16 & 17, 2016 at Our Lady of the Angels, Lemont. Call 708-354-7211 to register. Visit www.joyfulagain.org to view video.

A RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL OF MERCY



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All Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to participate during the month of January in migration awareness

“through prayer and action to try and ease the struggles of immigrants and to reflect on the Church’s obligation to welcome the stranger.”

~ Archbishop Cupich, January 2016

ACTION: Visit www.CatholicsandImmigrants.org and click on National Migration Week to send a letter urging Congress to extend support to Syrian Refugees.



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St. Cletus Fine Arts Series

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Bending Towards the Light concert on December 20th. Mark your calendars for the St. Cletus Fine Arts Series fundraiser on January 16th. Andrew Blendermann is back for another fun night of dueling pianos in Morrissey Hall at our 2016 Cabaret. Tickets are on sale at our table in the narthex.



BENDING
TOWARDS
THE LIGHT
A JAZZ
NATIVITY



SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES

PIANO BAR IN MORRISSEY HALL

SATURDAY
JANUARY 16
8:00 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM



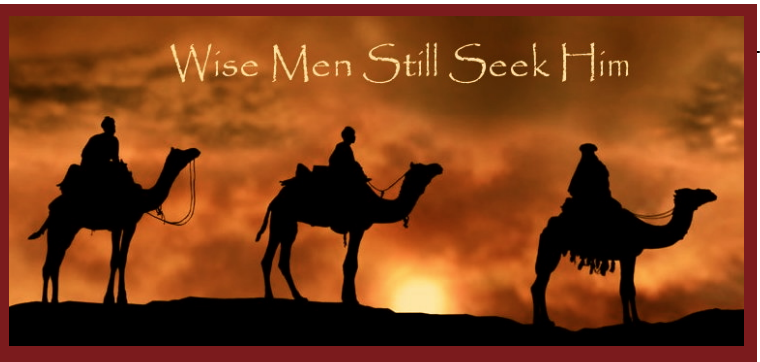
DUELING PIANOS

FEATURING:
ANDREW BLENDERMANN

TICKETS:
\$40 IN ADVANCE
\$45 AT THE DOOR



The Epiphany of the Lord



LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

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

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious graffiti scratched in chalk over some doorways:

“20 + C + M + B + 16.” The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.” The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi’s. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi’s quest for meaning and peace.

LITTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make the mighty ocean
and the pleasant land;
so the little minutes,
humble though they be,
make the mighty ages
of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Dry pinto beans
- Canned or powdered milk
- Rice
- Canned Chili
- Laundry detergent
- Monetary donations

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.



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

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FOR HELP:
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*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact
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GIVING TREE THANKS



Thank you for completing another successful Giving Tree year. WOW! I am so humbled by all of your generosity! Because of you we were able to help make Christmas brighter for over 700 families! This is truly amazing. When I first started as the Director of Social Concerns just a few months ago, everyone kept telling me how amazing Giving Tree would be, “just wait until you see all the gifts”, “you won’t believe it”. You were right! This is truly a generous and amazing community that responds to the call to serve. Thank you!

On behalf of the Social Concerns Ministry we wish all of you a Blessed and Peace-filled New Year! 2015 gave us many opportunities to give hope to many of the people who are struggling in our midst, by providing food, shelter, transportation, and other basic necessities for their families. The generosity of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, abounds, which we witnessed, especially during this Holiday Season. The Giving Tree Project continues to be a large part of many people’s Advent preparation to celebrate the greatest gift of all, God’s own son, Jesus, sent into the world to bring us hope, peace, and eternal life.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly Support Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The intent is to share our stories and listen to one another in a safe environment. We welcome both men and women survivors and victims' to express their thoughts and feelings and share their experiences.

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

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

New Year, New Job! Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, January 7 from 7-9 pm for our first meeting of 2016. Come prepared to be entertained and enlightened. Leave knowing your job search will be re-energized. Our speaker, Conor Cunneen, will cover important topics that include how to conduct an integrated job search, how to properly prepare for your interview, improving your state of mind and conducting company research. He will offer direction to help you stay sane, motivated and productive in your job search. Conor was JobTalk radio host for many years, is Naperville Community Career Center board member, author and Chicago Humorous Speaker of the Year. What better way to begin the new year! This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus in Room 201. Look for the ICN sign outside and use the flag pole entrance.



This year we celebrate the important milestone of 50 years of solidarity with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Church there faces many challenges, including lack of access to resources the faithful need to nourish their spiritual lives. Often, there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve, or the communities themselves are simply too isolated to have access to other important resources for the faith. Strategies to train and support evangelization leaders are vital to reach those who are disconnected from the life and mission of the Church.

For the past 50 years, through the Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA), you have helped the Church in 25 countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean to address challenges to the faith. Only with your committed support can we continue help develop evangelization and catechetical programs and fund activities that promote an encounter with Jesus Christ, so that the faithful can become missionary disciples. Your renewed support funds several ministries and projects that ensure the people in Latin America and the Caribbean can share their faith and strengthen connections with members of the church community.

In Peru, the 14 villages of Chazuta, in Moyobamba, are all located away from the city center, with the most remote only accessible by boat. The faithful in these communities do not have access to catechetical formation, and members often feel separated from the life of the universal Church. Through a grant from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the religious congregation of the Missionaries of Jesus was able to provide faith formation, spiritual retreats, and workshops to nearly 250 people. Upon completion, participants were better equipped to help others deepen their faith

and answer questions. The program also renewed their sense of commitment to their parishes and created stronger bonds within their own families. Through this program, members of the Chazuta villages felt the love and support of the universal Church.

In the Archdiocese of Santiago de Los Caballeros in the Dominican Republic, many people are very dedicated to their parishes but do not have access to formation resources to fully understand the mission of Jesus to spread the gospel message. To address this problem, the archdiocese developed a three-stage plan to prepare people to become missionary leaders. Thanks to a grant from the CLA, the archdiocese was able to implement the first stage of the plan to provide workshops, retreats, and door-to-door missions.

Now, 90 participants are leaders in their communities. They offer formation and catechesis as well as seek out parishioners who may be interested in becoming missionaries themselves. This program strengthened both the participants' connections to the universal Church and their bonds with their neighbors and fellow parishioners. As one participant noted, "This training and course helped me, as a mother and wife, to feel loved by Jesus, to know a God that is alive, and to carry my burden each day with love, patience, and strength."

Through projects like these, the Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the people of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with the world. For more information on how you can help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Envelopes are in the pews for your donations, thank you.



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Community Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 PILLARS BALL



The 10th Anniversary Pillars Ball will be held Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Oakbrook Hills Hilton Resort in Oak Brook, IL. Not only is this our 10th annual gala, but it also marks 10 years of Pillars. While Pillars dates back to 1928 through its predecessor agencies, the merger that created Pillars as we know today happened 10 years ago in 2006. Come celebrate with us! More information at <http://pillarscommunity.org>

WOMEN'S CENTER OF CHICAGO

January 22nd marks the 43rd anniversary of the legalization of abortion which has resulted in the death of nearly 53 million innocent, unborn babies in this country, one every 30 seconds. The Women's Center has saved approximately 39,000 babies and their mothers from the pain of abortion in our 31 years of service. We offer them a choice other than abortion and provide counseling, material assistance and prayer support.

Save the date: Saturday, February 13, 2016 is the date for our 31st Life Banquet. We are excited to announce our keynote speaker is Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director, now 100% pro-life and a Catholic convert. The super price for the banquet is \$65.00 per person or \$600.00 for a table of 10 and \$30 for under age 18. For tickets call 773-794-1313.

Donations are always welcome. We currently need 5 pack n plays, 2 infant car seat/carriers, 3 toddler beds, 3 strollers, 3 double strollers, 2 walkers, 2 changing tables, 4 bouncers, 2 high chairs, 2 bassinets, and 3 swings. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Magi offered gifts to the Christ Child. Spouses, learn more about giving the gift of yourselves to each other by attending one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on February 12-14, 2016 or April 8-10, 2016 or June 10-12, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP

SCSG Multi Parish Ministry for singles in their 40's and 50's January Events

Saturday, 1/16, 7pm, Dinner and More: Fitz's Spare Keys (Food, Bowling, Pool and Music) located at 119 N. York St. in Elmhurst. Please RSVP by 1/13.

Saturday, 1/30, 7pm Dinner and Music: Hackney's hosting the band, Five Guys named Moe cover Band) located at 123rd and La Grange Rd. in Palos Park. RSVP required by 1/27 if attending.

Above events are subject to change. You can contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles

ERIN POTTS INVITATION FEB 5-7



We're preparing to host the 7th Annual Erin Potts Invitational Volleyball Tournament, which will be held in Morrissey Hall Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7. Local 7th and 8th grade teams will compete in this action -packed community effort that, again, promises to be loads of fun as athletes and families support an important cause. Cancer Awareness.

The event also includes Alumni Game Night on Saturday, February 6 from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. All alumni, male/female, are invited to come and play. Ask family, friends and neighbors to join you. Whether you graduated last year or 30 years ago, we want to see you. Don't worry, you don't need to be a good player! It's all about having some fun! The fee of \$20/person includes a T-shirt. Sign up as an individual, or come as a team.

Email confirmation with T-shirt size to Sue Lovett Rejdukowski (class of '83) at suerej@gmail.com.

More information will be available in future Canticle publications.

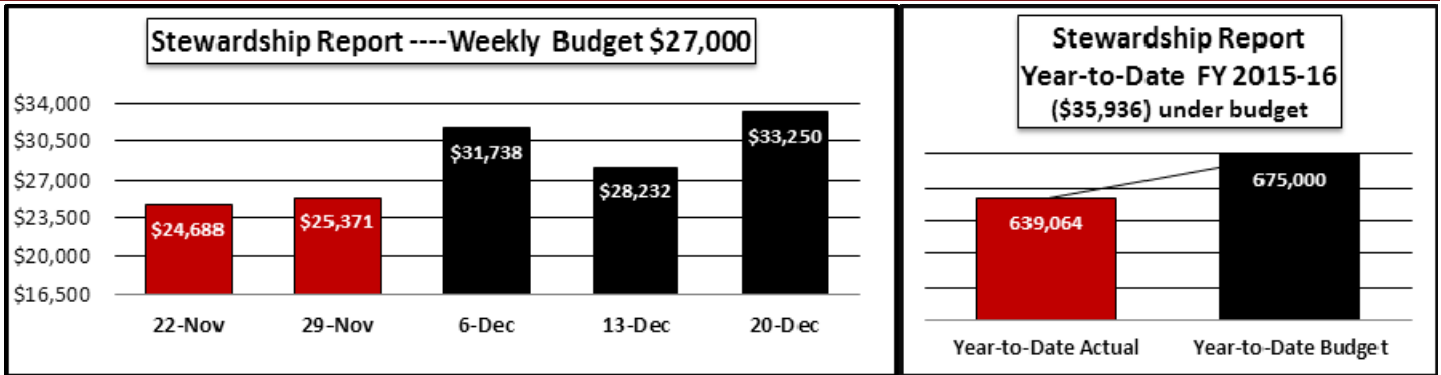
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS JANUARY 9TH

Chicagoland area Catholic High Schools will offer their entrance exams on the morning of Saturday, January 9, 2016. Please visit their websites or call the school for more information or to register.

Week At A Glance

C...Church	S...School (Education Building)	Narthex...Church Vestibule	RB...Rectory Basement	MH...Morrissey Hall
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	
Sunday, January 3	All Masses All Masses	Narthex Narthex	Welcome Committee St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser Ticket Sales	
Monday, January 4	4:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Room MH	Junior Choir Men's Basketball	
Tuesday, January 5	8:30am 6:15pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Church Church Rectory S Rm 213 RB Church S Rm 202 MH	Adoration and Benediction Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction RCIA Social Concerns Commission Mtg School Board Meeting Hispanic Adoration Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group Boy's Church League	
Wednesday, January 6	9:00am 9:00pm	Church MH	School Mass Boy's Church League	
Thursday, January 7	1:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	MH S Music Room S Rm 201 MH	Leisure Loafers Children's Choir ICN Meeting Boy's Church League	
Friday, January 8	8:00pm	S Rm 98	Holy Name Society Meeting	
Saturday, January 9	9:00am All Masses 6:00pm	S Rm 200 Narthex MH	PreCana St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser Ticket Sales Hospitality with the Archbishop	
Sunday, January 10	All Masses	Narthex	St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser Ticket Sales	

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 2015 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 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 # _____

Address _____ Envelope # _____

St. Cletus Parish Information

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RECTORY 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 11:30 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.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

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.

STAFF

PARISH STAFF

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