



# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Be holy, for I, the Lord,  
your God, am holy.  
— Leviticus 19:2b



## 2020 CONFIRMANDI

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# Mass Intentions for the Week of February 24- March 1, 2020

Day	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	David Harrington, Trudy Berg
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Wednesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Matesevac
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Watson, Alice Vonesh, Josephine Krug, Michael Pizzuto
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Watson, Frank Wojcik, Nancy King
	Fr. Baker	5:00 p.m.	Jim Deslauriers, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Passardi Family, Gene Gajos, Emily Walsh
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	Walter & Ola Maveety, George Duda, Breda Gallagher, Bill DePasquale, Emilia, & Marco Rattin, George Schembari
	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Stacy Baker, Special Intention - Mary Duckett
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	Rose Haddad, Ernest Blecic, Special Intention - Mary Duckett
	Fr. Gamboa	11:00 a.m.	BC Collins, Ola Maveety, Marcie Johnston
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Maria Covarrubias Rodriguez, Martin Morales Morales

## ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26

Ashes will be distributed at all services.

- 6:30 a.m. - Prayer Services and Ashes
- 8:00 a.m. - Mass and Ashes
- 9:30 a.m. - Mass and Ashes
- 3:30 p.m. - Prayer Services and Ashes
- 6:00 p.m. - Mass and Ashes
- 7:15 p.m. - Mass and Ashes (Spanish)



## LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14-years-old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next weekend there will be envelopes in the pews for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection.

## PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.*

### February

Waclaw Berdysz, Joan Clark, Mary Duckett, Alice Dunkovich, Shirley Funk, Wayne Hamilton, Edward Stec, Christine Wolosewicz

### January

Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Don King, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Mary Sheehan, Rachael Schopp Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto,

### December

Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski, John Duda, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Carol Witkowski

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME


Unfortunately, aggression is one of our instinctive reactions to difficult situations. However, Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel – part of the Sermon on the Mount – tells us that if we respond to aggression with more aggression we risk creating an endless cycle of violence. Violence harms our unity, setting one person against another and making cooperation impossible. Jesus teaches that God's love extends to everyone, and that includes people we might regard as our enemies, and people we have excluded from our circle of friends. The Quakers have an expression, "that of God in all of us", which picks up on a theme in all of today's readings: God's Holy Spirit is in each person, and all are deserving of compassion and love.

Jesus left us with a code for life, a lifestyle that seems contrary to much of the thinking and action in mainstream society. It is a lifestyle he lived himself: where everybody is to be shown love and respect. This applies to people who abuse, take endlessly and give nothing in return, or make the lives of others a misery.

It is not only in the spheres of the military, business and politics that aggression and confrontation rear their heads – it is also in the run of the mill of our daily life. Just think about how aggressive driving can lead to road rage, and how disputes with neighbors can escalate into battles unless we make a real effort to get on together. Retaliation or "payback" is a strong theme in the film world, and perhaps we are too tolerant of violence in the media. In how many of our homes do we allow violent video games to be played, despite evidence that regular playing risks creating insensitivity towards violence?

The Gospel calls us to reject the belief that aggression is often the best and easiest way to solve problems. Efforts to build bridges with people we don't like or who have harmed us might bring surprising results. If not, then we may take consolation that we are being faithful to the way of living that Jesus expects of his followers. And remember, God may be making something good out of our efforts in some way that we cannot see.

All this does not mean that God never takes sides. In Jesus, it is clear that God sides with those who are poor, marginalized and oppressed, regardless of the labels we place on them. We are urged to move outside our comfort zones to engage with people we usually ignore and respond to God's call to be peacemakers.

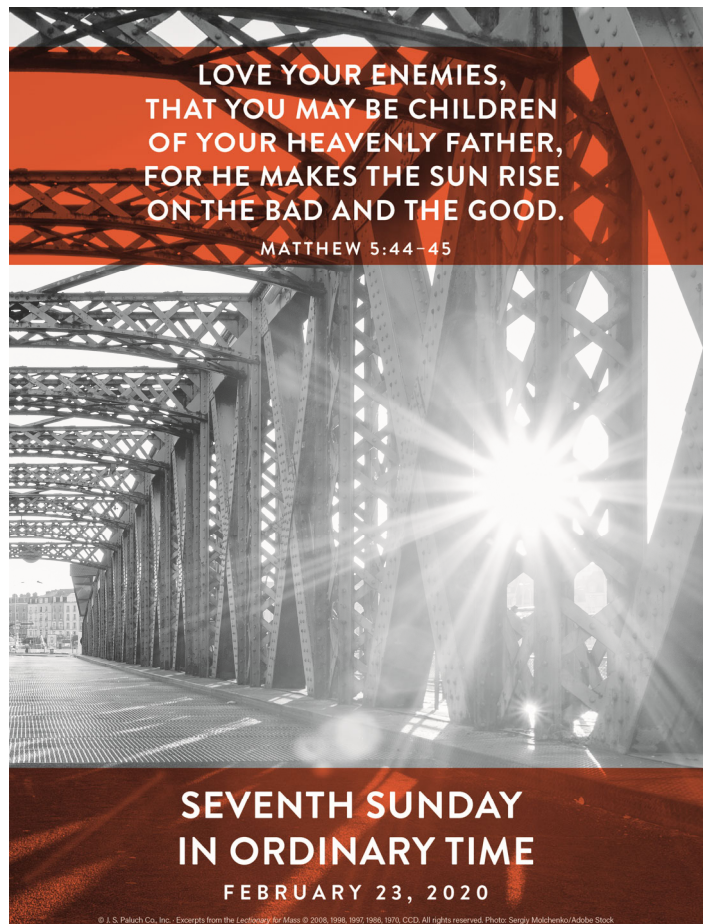


This will mean playing our part – however small – in moving the world away from the path of violence and retaliation, perhaps by supporting a Christian peace group. It will also mean tackling our own prejudices and dislikes towards those we come across in our daily lives.

*Blessings in Peace,*



**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**



**LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,  
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN  
OF YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER,  
FOR HE MAKES THE SUN RISE  
ON THE BAD AND THE GOOD.**

MATTHEW 5:44-45

**SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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# Parish School



## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

February 22 ..... 8th Grade Confirmation  
 February 26 ..... 9:30am Ash Wednesday Mass  
 March 28 ..... Spring Auction

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Greg Porod, Principal**  
 (708) 352-4820  
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### VALENTINE'S DAY IN JR KINDERGARTEN

Junior Kindergarten has made LOVEBUGS! This reminds us that God's love is everywhere! We see God's love in others!



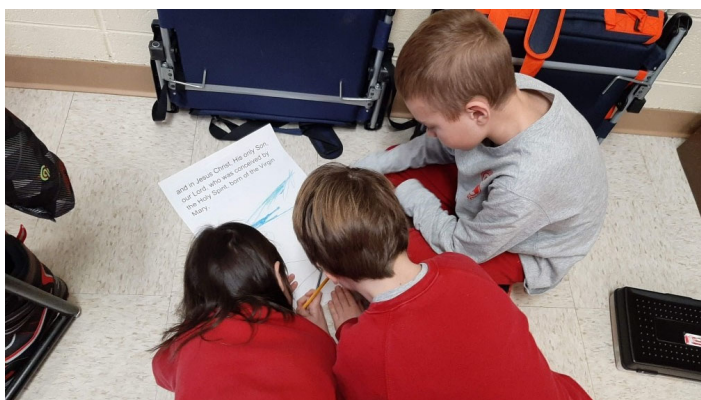
### 5TH GRADE VALENTINE'S DAY

St. Cletus celebrated their love for God, their school and their friends this past Valentine's Day. Preschool through 5th grade, along with many parent volunteers, partake in Valentine parties in each classroom.



### THIRD GRADE SCIENCE

The third grade students practiced the engineering process while making bridges.



### 2ND GRADE SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Second grade is in full preparation mode for First Holy Communion. We have begun our study of all the parts of the Mass. We've looked at the beginning of Mass and learned about the various parts of the first main part, the Liturgy of the Word. Here the class is drawing pictures representing the various parts of the Creed, which is in the Liturgy of the Word.



**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

St. Cletus  
Parish Center

*\$50 per person includes:  
drinks, music, food, silent  
and live auction.*

The St. Cletus Spring Auction, Vegas Night planning is in full swing and we are looking forward to our big event on March 28th!

As the preparations are underway, we would like to ask any parishioners who are willing to help, to please tap into your contacts and network to support the auction and our School. As you know, financial support is extremely important to the school, as we rely on donations to help our students get the best education they can. A request to your business contacts and network can be a great way to provide items for the event's silent auction - proceeds of both come right back to support the school.

Please reach out to Sara Hodak to coordinate a donation at 708-207-4570 or at [auction@stcletusparish.com](mailto:auction@stcletusparish.com).

Thank you in advance for your help!



### **WINE CELLAR RAFFLE**

For the Vegas Night Spring Auction we will be raffling off an Instant Wine Cellar, with 50 bottles of wine. This instant wine cellar is valued at over \$1,000.

In order to make the raffle a success, we need your help creating the cellar. We invite you to donate a bottle of red or white wine with a price tag of \$20 or more. Wine donations may be dropped off at the St. Cletus School Office or at our home, 620 9th Avenue, La Grange. If you purchase your wine bottle from MainStreet on La Grange Road, you will receive a 10% discount and will not pay sales tax.

No time to shop? No problem. We also are accepting monetary donations and will purchase the wine on your behalf. Please send donations to the school office in an envelope marked "Wine Raffle."

Please be sure to include your name and mailing address with either type of donation so that we can acknowledge your support.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [eileendorch@gmail.com](mailto:eileendorch@gmail.com).



# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

### Most needed at this time:

- Coffee
- Toothpaste
- Personal care items
- Canned diced tomatoes

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

Follow us on facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry



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*

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

**ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY**  
**Re-Registration**  
Starting February 20 we will begin re-registering ALL families on your next visit to the food pantry. **Please bring proof of address.** We appreciate your patience.

**ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY**  
**Registrando de Nuevo**  
Empezando el 20 de febrero, vamos a registrar de nuevo a CADA FAMILIA en su proxima visita a la dispensa de alimentos. **Favor de traer prueba de su domicilio.** Le agradecemos su paciencia.

LIONS CLUB:

## Vision Screenings & Eyeglasses

Thursday, February 27 @ Food Pantry  
**VOUCHERS PROVIDED TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY**  
Check criteria for eligibility

## LENTEN OUTREACH



As we prepare for Easter, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after Masses February 29-March 1. All ages are welcome. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/rxdpzm5> to view slots and sign up.

## AREA PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

### Lenten Small Faith Group on Issues of Catholic Social Teaching

The St Francis Xavier and St Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry will be hosting a Lenten small faith group on issues related to Catholic Social Teaching.

Wednesdays: March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2020 from 7-8pm; please join us for optional soup dinner at 6:30pm

St Francis Xavier Rectory (124 N Spring Avenue LaGrange 60525)

RSVP: Judy Kennedy jkennedy1333@ameritech.net

## RESPECT LIFE



### WORD OF LIFE

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

### ‘UNPLANNED’ FILM SCREENING

Our Respect Life Ministry will be showing the movie ‘Unplanned’ which tells the inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director who became one of the most well-known pro-life speakers in America. The event will be held Sunday, March 1 from 2-4pm at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

Note this film is rated R. The film received the rating because of two scenes. One shows what happens in an abortion with a 2D ultrasound image and another recreates an experience with the abortion pill. Parents will need to decide if it is age appropriate but 8th grade and up are encouraged to see this film with their parents to discuss the reality of choice.



AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO

# Unplanned

A FREE FILM SCREENING EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 1  
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS-PARISH CENTER  
5005 WOLF RD  
WESTERN SPRINGS, IL 60558

The inspiring true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director who became one of the most well-known pro-life speakers in America. Film is rated R.

Our money goes much further at the food depository!

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, please e-mail Jerry Mitchell, [jerryconverses@gmail.com](mailto:jerryconverses@gmail.com), or contact Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com), (708)214-5418. See below for answers to some common questions about this service opportunity.

### How old do I have to be to volunteer?

Volunteers need to be 11 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions. Ages 16 and older can volunteer self-supervised. Ages 11-15 need to have one adult supervisor per 10 youths.

### What should I wear?

Volunteers must wear long pants and close-toed shoes. You will not be permitted to work in the warehouse if you are wearing sandals or shorts/ short skirt. Depending on the project you are assigned to, you may be asked to remove jewelry above the waist (including piercings, but rings are acceptable).

### Where is the GCFD located?

4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, which is a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski.

## PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

St. Cletus has a ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. The ministry is open to all, and all are encouraged to join. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by. The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at [prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com](mailto:prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com)

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES



### ST. PAT'S DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 12, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Start your St. Patrick's Day early by joining the fun at FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Road in Berwyn.

Reservations are \$60 by 3/9 or \$65 after 3/9 and at the door. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities services for the homeless in the West Region of Cook County. The event features great Irish entertainment by the McNulty Irish Dancers, The Shannon Rovers, and members of the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago.

Contact Dave Gardner at [dgardner@catholiccharities.net](mailto:dgardner@catholiccharities.net) for tickets and more information.

## INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS



### HELP WANTED

Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time paid Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communications, plus love of working with older adults. Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: [jgarreauicp@gmail.com](mailto:jgarreauicp@gmail.com) or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328

## GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY



### VOLUNTEER

On the 4th Wednesday of each month, 10-15 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. This is a great financial help since the Food Pantry purchases quality items at low prices each month to supplement donations from our parishioners and friends in the community.

## Religious Education

### GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT



In this month of Love, we had many opportunities to see God's love in action in Religious Education! Earlier in the month, our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes took a loved one to class with them to participate in LOVE DAY. They were awarded medals for being the "best" at a variety of things, such

as Best Hugger, Best Mom, Best Dad, Best Cook, and many more! They made a loving craft together, and also participated in a special blessing for each other. It was a love fest!

This weekend, we saw God's love and spirit abound at our Confirmation celebration, where 110 teens were confirmed by Bishop Casey. It was a Spirit-filled and moving celebration for the Confirmandi, Sponsors, Parents and Catechists. We are very proud of our young adults who celebrated this Sacramental moment, and welcome them to embrace new roles in our Church as they look to join different liturgical ministries. If you did not have the opportunity to see your child's Confirmation photo at the Bishop's Reception, you can go to Killoran Photography at <https://killoranphotography.smugmug.com/2020-Confirmations> to review and purchase a photo. They should be posted on the website in the coming week.

All families are reminded to bring in a bag of food for our Good Neighbor Food Drive this weekend in RE!

### A LOOK AHEAD...

#### February 23 & 24

Good Neighbor Food Drive – bring your bag of food for the pantry!

#### March 1 & 2

Regular RE Classes in Session, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes on retreat Sunday from 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 in Morrissey Hall

#### March 8 & 9

Regular RE Classes in Session, SN meets in PC and celebrates Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### March 15 & 16

Regular RE Classes in Session, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes on **Sunday Morning** and **Monday Evening** present the Living Stations of the Cross.

Special Needs meets in PC

#### March 22 & 23, and March 29 & 30

NO Classes due to Spring Break

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



*Get your kids on the right track this summer with Rocky Railway VBS at St. Cletus Parish!*

Calling all children entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade! Join us June 22-26th for a fun week where kids will discover they can trust Jesus and have a ton of fun! Life is rocky for kids – full of ups and downs and twists and turns. At Rocky Railway, kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Kids will deepen their friendship with Jesus and leave knowing they can trust him to do big things in their lives.

All aboard for summer fun at Rocky Railway VBS!

**When:** June 22-26, 2020

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

**Where:** Morrissey Hall

#### How to register:

Complete registration form online at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com), or pick up a form at the St. Cletus Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online with a credit card through the Parish website).

#### Age of kids in VBS:

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

#### Can I volunteer?

YES! We are looking for volunteers to join our Crew! We are looking for Junior High and High School Students as well as Adults to join us! If you are interested, please contact Barb Campbell at [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) or call (708) 352-2383.



# Youth Ministry

## ALPHA FOR TEENS



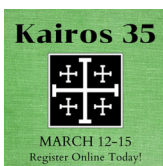
*A faith formation opportunity offered collaboratively through St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Youth Ministries for teens in our community.*

All High School teens are invited to attend our weekly Alpha for Teens Series, Sundays from 6:15-7:30pm in the Saint John of the Cross Parish Center. All are invited to come to share a meal, watch a short video, and talk about questions and topics from the video. Through the next several weeks, the Alpha Teen Series explores timeless questions about life, faith and God for a new generation.

It is not too late to start attending Alpha for Teens! Please feel free to attend any of the upcoming dates of Alpha for Teens, and bring a friend!

2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15

## KAIROS 35 RETREAT



March 12-15, 2020  
Sponsored by Saint John of the Cross Youth Ministry.

Kairos is a retreat offered to high school juniors and seniors through the combined efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. The retreat is offered three times each calendar year. Kairos is a 4-day retreat that allows you to build new friendships as well as to deepen current relationships, and to learn more about yourself and your

connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.

## FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT SALT & LIGHT!



February 28 & 29, 2020  
Saint John of the Cross Parish Center

Our Freshman/Sophomore retreat is a retreat offered in collaboration between the Youth Ministry programs of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross.

This year's Freshman/Sophomore Retreat will be a lock-in in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, for any and all freshman & sophomore teens in our community looking for a short retreat full of fun and formation. High School juniors & seniors will be leading your teens throughout the weekend, reinforcing this year's theme of Salt & Light through games, reflections, and activities.

## REGISTRATION

Registration for these programs can be found on the Youth Ministry page on the St. Cletus Parish Website, [youth.stcletusparish.com](http://youth.stcletusparish.com). Questions? Contact MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at [mzurowski@stcletusparish.com](mailto:mzurowski@stcletusparish.com).

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## Sunday Notes



### FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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### FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29  
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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### STRONG BELIEFS

Strong beliefs win strong people and make them stronger.  
 —Walter Bagehot

### FORGIVING AN ENEMY

Who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life.

—Johann Kaspar Lavater

### REPENTANCE

Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

—Thomas Carlyle



# Other Ministry News

## LENTEN PREPARATIONS

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### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Lenten Season is fast approaching. Please note the following:

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Services and Ashes – 6:30am & 3:30pm

Masses and Ashes – 8:00am & 9:30am & 6:00pm, and 7:15pm (Spanish)

### RECONCILIATION SERVICES

As we work with our Renew My Church parish grouping, there will be 2 Lenten Reconciliation services this year.

- St. Cletus will celebrate one of the services on Monday, Mar.16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The clergy from our neighboring parishes including St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier will assist our priests.
- A second service will be offered at St. Francis Xavier on Tuesday, Mar.24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.

All are encouraged and welcome to participate at one of these sacramental celebrations.

Regular Confessions will continue to be available on Saturday afternoons from 4:15-4:45pm.

### OTHER LENTEN DATES

Stations of the Cross – Feb. 28 @ 7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Tues. Mar.3 , 8:30am-7:00pm

## GIRL SCOUT MASS



The Girl Scout Mass will be celebrated on March 7, 2020 at 5pm mass at St. Cletus Church. Please have girls checked in and seated in their grades marked pew by 4:50pm. We are asking all girls to bring an item for the food pantry and wear their vest/sash.

## SCCCW DAY OF REFLECTION



Ladies of St. Cletus parish, do you want to do something special during Lent to bring your spirituality and sense of community to life?

Then come to our day of reflection sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women!

### EXPLORE LENT: A SEASON OF HOPE AND HEALING with VINITA WRIGHT

Vinita Hampton Wright has edited books for Loyola Press for 21 years serving as managing editor in recent years. She has published both fiction and non-fiction including most recently, *Small Simple Ways: an Ignatian Daybook for Healthy Spiritual Living*. She has helped lead small groups through the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius and is currently completing requirements for certification as a spiritual director through Loyola University. She is a regular contributor to the Loyola Press blog [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com)

Details about the day of reflection:

- the day begins with 8:00am mass in church
- followed by a light breakfast in the Gallagher room of the Parish Center
- the sessions begin at 9:30am and continue with breaks throughout the day
- the day will close with a simple lunch and end by 2:00pm
- we are including a collection of personal items for Constance Morris House that includes: phone chargers, hair brushes, deodorant, air fresheners, Fabreeze spray, slippers or flip flops (s,m,l,xl), full sized shampoo, conditioner or body wash. Please bring these items unwrapped.

Please register for the day by phone, email or returning form at the bottom of this page with \$10.

**Phone:** call Pat 708-205-9678

**Email:** [ccw@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ccw@stcletusparish.com) or [patriciamclamore@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamclamore@gmail.com)



### REGISTRATION FORM FOR CCW DAY OF REFLECTION: (TO PARISH CENTER OFFICE WITH \$10)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Community Bulletin Board

### HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO



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### JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY



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." Please join us at one of our retreats which are designed to help the widowed sort out challenges and learn to find joy in living again, while treasuring memories of their spouse. March 14 & 15, 2020 at Our Lady of the Angels, Hse. of Prayer, (Mt. Assisi Center Bldg.) 13820 Main St., Lemont, IL (Near Cog Hill). For further information call 708-354-7211, or e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com), website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

**Ash Wednesday Prayer (w/ the giving of ashes), Feb. 26, 7 PM** Prayer, distribution of ashes and a reflection given by Pat Bergen, CSJ. Cost: free will offering

**The Cross and the Lynching Tree | Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 7-8:30 PM** - Lent is an appropriate time to acknowledge and repent for the sin of racism and its tragic consequences for our African American sisters and brothers. Please read chapters 1 and 2 of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (available on Amazon) by James H. Cone prior to the first study and reflective session. Facilitated by Kathy Sherman, CSJ and Franshun Davis-Harris. Cost: \$60 or \$15/session

**Teresa on Teresa de Avila Retreat | Friday, Mar 6, 7 PM – Saturday, Mar 7, 3 PM | Workshop only: Saturday, Mar 7, 9:30 – 11:30 AM** - Take a journey of the heart with Teresa de Avila through the eyes and lived experience of her namesake Teresa Mateus: author, speaker, trauma therapist, professor and Executive Director of The Mystic Soul Project. Come for an overnight to practice exercises to open your heart, or come just for the Saturday morning of reflection. Cost for the whole retreat: \$165, Sat. morning only: \$35



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission. Network. [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) 708-482-5048

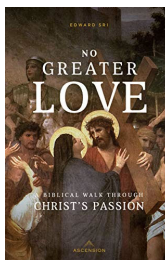
### AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



Do you know a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Township, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others? If so, talk with them about this special honor and ask them if they are comfortable with you nominating them. If they are, please complete the Aging Care Connections Community

Gems nomination form, including a digital headshot of the honoree, and send it to [communitygems@agingcareconnections.org](mailto:communitygems@agingcareconnections.org). Please submit nominations by 3/2.

### ROSARY HILL BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT



In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

*No Greater Love* is a five-part Bible study program will be held on Monday nights beginning, Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Cost of Study Pack is \$30.00 and includes workbook, book and on-line viewing access with purchase of Study Pack. For more information or to register, contact Sharon at Rosary Hill Home (708) 458-3040 or email [Sharon@rosaryhillhome.com](mailto:Sharon@rosaryhillhome.com).

### TUTORING ENGLISH TO ADVANCE CHANGE



We are looking for volunteers to teach English as a Second Language to adults. Our next new tutor training session will be Feb. 28-29. For more information please call: Susana Aguilar 630-217-0396 or Amy Smetana 708-968-7023. Check us out online: [www.teachempowers.org](http://www.teachempowers.org).

### ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English. Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop: Friday, March 13th (6-9pm) and Saturday, March 14th (9am-4pm). Register in advance and attend both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at [sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org) or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

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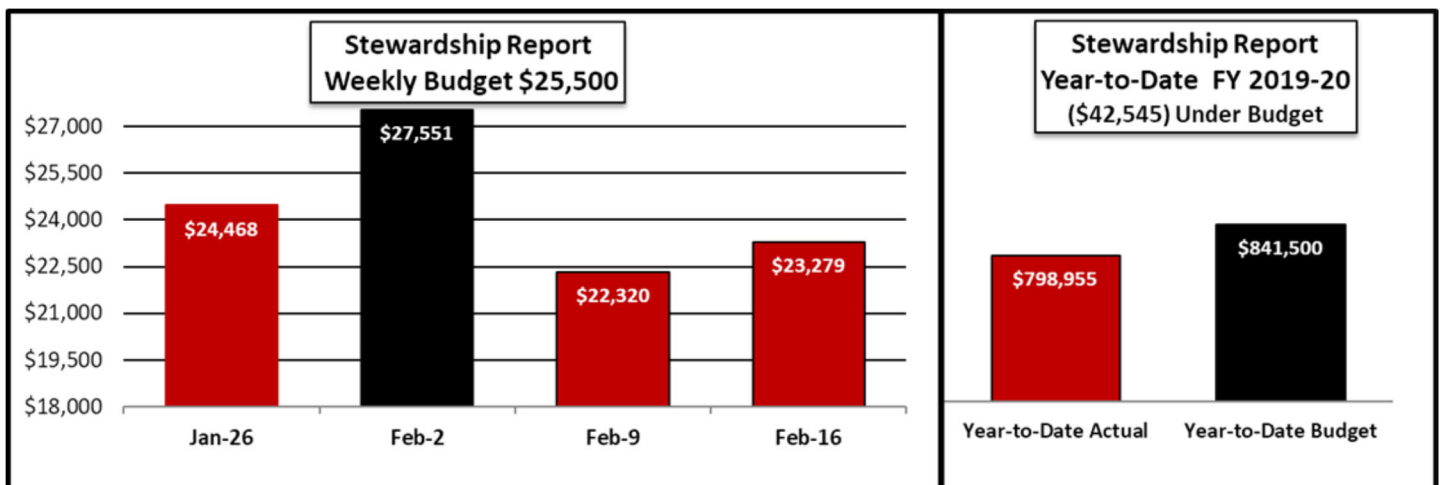
Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com) as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.



## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, February 23	12:00pm	School Room 102	RCIA Teens
Monday, February 24	4:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal CREDO Psalms Bible Study Men's Basketball
Tuesday, February 25	7:00pm 7:00pm	Rectory Church	RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, February 26	6:30am 8:00am 9:00am 9:30am 3:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:15pm	Church Church Parish Center Mtg Room Church Church Church Parish Center Gym Church	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service Ash Wednesday Mass Mission Ladies Ash Wednesday School Mass Ash Wednesday Prayer Service Ash Wednesday Mass Boys Church League Ash Wednesday Mass in Spanish
Thursday, February 27	2:30pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room Rectory Basement Morrissey Hall School Music Room	School Stations of the Cross Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Boys Church League Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 28	7:00pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 29	3:30pm 5:00pm	Parish Center Gym Narthex	Boys Church League Distribution of Rice Bowls
Sunday, March 1	7:00am	Narthex	Distribution of Rice Bowls

## Stewardship Report




### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

If you would like a year-end statement of your Year 2019 financial offering to the parish simply call the parish center office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bkallal@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically. Thank you.

# St. Cletus Parish Information

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday-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 most months at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

## 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.

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## 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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