

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Every tree is known by its own fruit.
For people do not pick figs from
thornbushes, nor do they gather
grapes from brambles.
— Luke 6:44



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LENT

2019

JOIN US DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday (March 6)

Masses and Distribution of Ashes
6:30am, 8:00am, 9:20am (school), 6:30pm

Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes
3:30pm

Spanish Mass and Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm Parish Center

Daily Mass

8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:15pm (except April 21st)

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00pm
Mar. 8, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 12

Adoration begins at 8:30am

Holy Hour w/ Benediction 6:00pm

Tuesdays
Mar. 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16

Taizé Prayer

Friday, March 15 - 7:00pm

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, April 1 - 7:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 11 - 2:00pm and 7:00pm

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of March 4 - March 10, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Joseph Viecele, Joseph F. Smith, Jim Hartley, David Murphy, Bill Chadwick, Tom Andrews, Anne & Chester Koziol
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Pacana, Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper, Elizabeth & Francis Pirman
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Reitberger
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Bronislawa Pabin
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present Pat Maley, Ken Kakareka
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Joseph Ulfing, Passardi Family, Louis Wolf, Parents of Alicja Ghera Stacy Baker Francis Murphy Family Myron Wroblewski Ken Herzog, Adrian Compos St. Cletus Parishioners

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

Nathan Egert

Son of Stephen and Alexis

Robert Smith

Father of Mary Therese Luxem

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, March 2-3, 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 of St. Cletus Parish.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week there will be envelopes in the pews for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Marriage Banns



Alexandra Lopez & David Pawlak

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.

March - Gene Gajos, Kathryn McCord, Nancy Gibson

February - Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, George Sedlacek, Rachael Schopp

January - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek, Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski, Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley, Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, , Laura Biesadecki, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka, Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera, Bill Tortorello, Rosario Martinez, Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Nicole Will Montemagni, Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

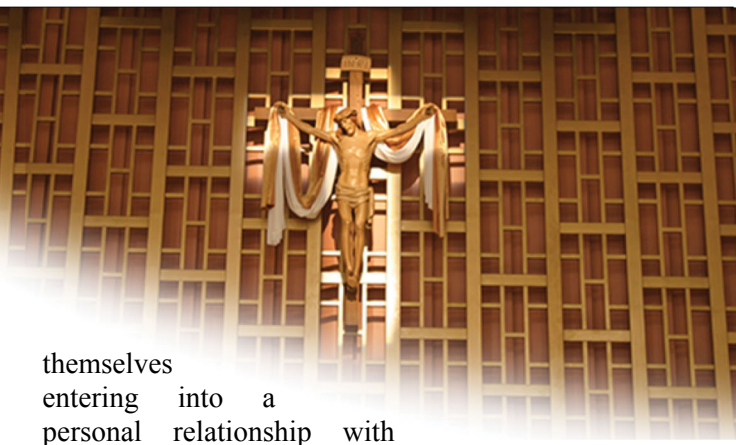
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Many voices are heard in the Church these days. Some speak words of encouragement, but others discouragement. There is a danger of labelling: “she’s a feminist, he’s a liberal, that lot are conservatives”. After a while people see only the caricature they have created and not the person behind the mask. It might be comfortable to become part of a certain group, or to create our own script and agenda in Church matters; after all it does provide a cover. Sometimes our words can indicate more about our anxieties than we intended. On returning from the Council one bishop told the people that “a lot of talk took place in Rome, but don’t worry it won’t affect us”. Here’s another episcopal comment with a little twist in the tale: “We are all equal in this diocese, from me right down to the very last one of you.”

Shortly after the war, the psychologist Erick Fromm wrote a book called “The fear of Freedom”. In it he pointed out that sometimes our words and actions are motivated by fear. A defining trait of modern society is the amount of fear that is prevalent. We act out of our insecurities, becoming worried about how people will judge us, and wondering how will things be for us in a changing world of work and family. Of course the underlying fear is our final loss in death. It is to this very fear within us that St. Paul proclaims the good news that in Christ we are truly set free. “Death where is your sting?” If we can look beyond our narrow grasp on reality, if we can free ourselves from fear, then we begin to see that “the mourning veil covering all peoples has been torn away”. In Christ’s victory, we are given a new and abundant life that we could never have dreamt of. In the light of such a gift there can be no place for particular enmities or deceptions.

Life is a precious gift, and in Christ we have the power to live it to the full. In the gospel, Jesus reminds us in a down to earth way that amongst his followers there can be no place for petty squabbles. Our fundamental attitudes should not be negative and defensive but those that help to build up the body of Christ. Yet we know how easy it is to fall short. We have a lot in common with the members of the early churches. The Christians Paul writes to at Corinth were known for their weaknesses, excesses, divisions and arguments. Their language was not one of forgiveness and mutual upbuilding: hardly a wonderful example of faith.

Yet as the early Church grew in understanding, it began to see that the only way to live out the gospel message was in a spirit of peace and harmony. In prayer they found



themselves entering into a personal relationship with Jesus, which allowed them to move out from behind their fears and be formed in faith and trust. They persevered until gradually, Christ became the focus of their lives. Confident in him, they could leave old insecurities behind. We too are called to make that leap of faith and trust; to remember that we are part of a community called to be close and intimate, and also catholic and universal.

Luke reminds us all that to be a disciple, we must first be freed by the Word of God. To be effective witnesses we must first have been touched by the power of Christ. This message transcends particular cultures or preferences. If we are to lead others to the truth, we must be willing to give our own communities a simple litmus test. “By their fruits you shall know them.” I wonder how many of us can be sure that our words and actions show that our lives are transformed in Christ? What does our talk tell others about our heart condition? Does our presence amongst our brothers and sisters help to show forth Christ’s message of hope and liberation from fear, or are we more concerned with differing opinions on liturgy? As the bishop said: “we are all equal.” We have been set free in Christ, and every day we are called to move beyond our own limitations, that we might lift others out of what binds them and lead them into the true freedom of the Children of God.

Peace,

*Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor*

Parish School

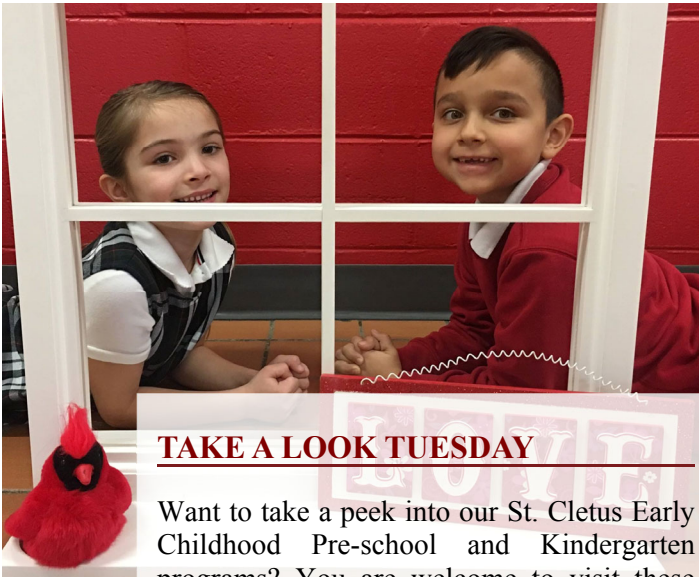


ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

March 4 Queen of Hearts Drawing
 March 14-15 School Play
 March 30 Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Tom Chinske, Principal **Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal**
 (708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
 tchinske@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



TAKE A LOOK TUESDAY

Want to take a peek into our St. Cletus Early Childhood Pre-school and Kindergarten programs? You are welcome to visit these classrooms the Second Tuesday of every month, with or without your child, to see all the great things our parish school has to offer! We are open between 10-11am the second Tuesday of every month!

Interested? RSVP to: mbentley@stcletusparish so we can expect you! These grade levels fill up quickly, come and see why your child would benefit from these wonderful programs! Hope to see you there!



2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING AUCTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside. \$75 per person includes food, entertainment, live & silent auctions! We are currently looking for donations of gift cards, vacation homes, sporting event and theater tickets for our auction. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Cletus School.

ST. CLETUS
Queen of Hearts
RAFFLE
JACKPOT \$4,860+



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D4D AT PORTILLOS ON MARCH 20

Portillo's will donate 20% of proceeds to St. Cletus School on March 20, 2019 5:00pm - 8:00pm if you use the flier found on our website, www.stcletusschool.com.

Portillos: 7195 Kingery Highway Willowbrook, IL 60527

THE ST. CLETUS QUEEN OF HEARTS 50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS...

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, March 4.

Raffle Details: In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55th Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES! Get your tickets at Kenny's today! (Winner need not be present to win.)

Religious Education

LENT IS UPON US SOON!

The Religious Education community has been busy preparing for the holy season of Lent! We are excited to work with our families seeking exciting ways to uphold our Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving! In the coming weeks, our amazing 5th Graders will lead us in a special Living Stations of the Cross prayer service. Our older Junior High classes will be “Big Buddies” to our younger 1st and 2nd grades in the coming weeks of Lent, and together they will work on service projects to cheer up the homebound parishioners who can’t join us weekly at the table of the Lord.

This past weekend, all of the families in the RE Community worked together to restock our Food Pantry with the Good Neighbor Food Drive. This service project was coordinated by our 5th Grade students and their Parents. Together, they sorted the food, checked for expiration dates, re-packaged the food by type and delivered it all to the St. Cletus Food Panty. It was an amazing effort, and we were able to re-stock a significant amount of food, and cleaning supplies for the upcoming “Spring Cleaning” special give away for the pantry. Congratulations to all of our RE families on a job well done!

CONFIRMATION

February 23rd we saw God’s love and spirit abound at our Confirmation celebration, where 118 teens were confirmed by Bishop Manz. 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/2019-Confirmations> to review and purchase a photo.



Thank you to Bishop Manz and our Confirmation servers.



A LOOK AHEAD...

- March 3-4 Regular RE Classes in session
Special Needs in session
8th Grade WAIT retreat on Sunday from 9:15 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Morrissey Hall
- March 10-11 Regular RE Classes in session
Monday evening Living Stations of the Cross
- March 13 Teen Seekers in session
- March 17-18 Regular RE Classes in session
Special Needs in session
Sunday morning Living Stations of the Cross
- March 20 Teen Seekers in session
- March 24-25 NO RE Classes due to Spring Break
- March 31-April 1 NO RE classes due to Spring Break

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Are you ready to roar? Head out on an African adventure and create a stampede of fun at this year’s vacation bible school (VBS). Experience jaw-dropping discoveries and run wild with high energy activities. VBS runs June 17-21. Sign up at <https://stcletusparish.com/vbs>

For more information please contact Barb Campbell,
Director of Religious Education
bcampbell@stcletusparish.com | 708.352.2383

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Canned fish and chicken
- Cleaning Products
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Baby wipes
- \$10 Walmart cards (distributed at our April food pantry nights for Easter)

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).



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

Thank you so much to our St. Cletus Religious Education program for their incredibly generous "Good Neighbor Food Drive" collection. We are overwhelmed with your thoughtful generosity and support.

Here is what you can expect to receive at a typical food pantry distribution. The choices are yours so some items, quantities, and flavors will vary based on your own needs and preferences. Produce and meat vary based on season and availability. You can expect to take home about 25-35 pounds of groceries and household items to help supplement your needs.



Pictured:

1- reusable, thermal tote bag on your first visit	2- pasta	Varies- Choice of produce (pictured: cabbage, potatoes, pears, apples, zucchini)
2- canned fruit	1- pasta sauce	
2- canned vegetables	1- canned tomatoes	Varies- Monthly special (personal items pictured this month)
2- soup	3- extras (condiments, snacks, baking supplies, seasonings, etc)	
2- canned fish/meat	1- cereal	Unlimited bagels
2- canned meals	1- oatmeal	
2- PB/J	1- 1/2 gallon of milk	
2- canned/dried beans	1- choice of meat	
3- sides (rice, mac&cheese, flavored noodles, etc)		

MISSION LADIES

The Mission Ladies are looking for donations of eyelet fabric. Do you have some new or gently used material that would be suitable? We are looking for white material, in good condition. This fabric is used to make baptismal bibs gifted to children and their families when they are baptized at St. Cletus. Donations can be dropped off in the food pantry bins in Church. Thank you!



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 March 9-10. All ages are welcome. To sign up visit <http://bit.ly/2MO1OKC>.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community-and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States-in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Church Narthex next weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.

General Contact 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 purple box to the far left. **You are not alone.***

WORD OF LIFE



“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.”

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

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross will gather to continue discussing ways we can partner together on a Respect Life Ministry, jointly advocating for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions. Save the date for our next meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7pm in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Kendall Grant.

WORDS SAVE LIVES

SpeakOut Illinois 2019 Conference
Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:30AM Doors Open | 9:00AM Breakfast & Talk
 100 Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL

Keynote speaker: Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America. For directions and additional information on the SpeakOut Illinois 2019 conference, visit speakoutillinois.org.

LIFE ADVOCACY DAY 2019

On April 3, 2019, we will be having our very important Life Advocacy Day. Pick-up and drop-off site: St. John of the Cross in Western Springs, IL (5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs). We will be taking coach buses to Springfield, IL

at 6:00 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. The Cost is \$10 which will provide a lunch and training/education by Illinois Catholic Conference. We will also have a chance to pray the rosary as a group in front of the Capitol Building. Please sign up now! <http://bit.ly/2ThLrvw>

ILLINOIS BISHOPS WARN AGAINST EXTREME ABORTION LEGISLATION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, it is incomprehensible that our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. Their efforts, similar to recent actions in New York and Virginia, focus on corrupting our God-given right to life and sowing unnecessary division.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, misnamed the Reproductive Health Act, include so many harmful provisions the full effect of these bills can hardly be imagined. We know the legislation:

- seeks to define abortion as health care and a fundamental right;
- removes abortion clinics from a regulatory framework designed for significant medical procedures;
- attacks a carefully constructed agreement in law on how hospitals care for the victims of sexual assault;
- repeals the ban on partial birth abortion;
- repeals legal protections for doctors and hospitals who decline to participate in abortions;
- requires private health insurance in Illinois to fully cover the cost of abortion;
- removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions;
- as well as many other changes that in totality require us to treat abortion as a celebrated right instead of a heart-wrenching tragedy.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, which has been in statute since 1995 and enforced since 2013, ensures parents are involved in profound medical decisions involving their children. Every other state bordering Illinois – Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa – requires at least parental notification. It is a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allows parents to properly exercise love and care for their children. Our government should support families, not undermine them.

Opposition to these bills do not require one to assume a pro-life political position. Opposition should be the natural result of applying reason, fairness and a basic respect for human dignity to the examination of their contents. We cannot further devalue human life to the extent proposed in this legislation without dire consequences for ourselves.

We hope to lead all people of goodwill to rise up and be heard in opposition to these terrible efforts. In the days ahead, the IL Bishops will be distributing more information and calls to action. Today, we ask for your prayers and support.

As the test of what the potter
molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation
is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5



THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression—words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

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: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday;
Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.

—Ambrose of Milan

A Note from Fr. Ken Baker

My friend, lyric baritone Robert Sims is headed to Lincoln Center to present Masters of the Spiritual. And guess who's going with him to direct his concert. Me! Join us in a send-off celebration of music from Broadway to Spirituals as we get ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER. Tickets are \$35, available at www.kenbakersings.com or at the door.

Ken Baker & FRIENDS PRESENTS



Ken Baker



Robert Sims

ON THE ROAD TO LINCOLN CENTER

March 23, 2019 at 7pm



Cynthia Clarey



Beckie Menzie & Tom Michael



Elizabeth



TreDiva

Ken Baker & Friends Presents On the Road to Lincoln Center

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Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 7pm

St. Cletus Parish Center in Clark Hall
600 W. 55TH St. La Grange, IL

TICKETS \$35
www.kenbakersings.com

5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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Sponsors at the \$2,500 level and above will be featured in the St. Cletus Canticle as Preferred Providers.

Other Ministry Notes

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age
Mt 28:20

As announced, St. Cletus has started 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. There is no commitment, other than a desire to offer prayer to the Lord for healing in His church - for wisdom, guidance and grace to be bestowed upon our church leaders at all levels.

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.

Thank you to all those who have signed up already. If you have not yet, please prayerfully consider joining the ministry! Thank you.

Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

SCCCW MEETING MARCH 19



SAINT
JOSEPH'S
DAY

MARCH
19
7:00PM

Come join the women of CCW as we celebrate St. Joseph's day with our do it yourself St. Joseph table. Bring a finger food to share along with a donation to the food pantry & spend some time making friends & munching together!

Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. with our St. Joseph table to follow. Come learn about CCW & help the food pantry too!

The date is Tuesday, March 19th in the Gallagher room of the parish center. See you there!

SAVE THE DATE: April 14th for the CCW Bake Sale at the Pancake Breakfast.

BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on April 9th in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. Because the February 12th discussion was cancelled because of inclement weather, on April 9th we will discuss both **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman originally scheduled for February and also **The Storyteller's Secret** by Sejal Badani.

All are welcome! Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Search and Development Boot Camp

Please join us on Tuesday, March 5 from 7-9 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 15 South Ashland Avenue in La Grange. After having to cancel several of our previous sessions, our Workshop will resume with a presentation by co-facilitator, Dennis Hamilton, on identifying your skills and quantifying your accomplishments. These are the keys to preparing a compelling resume and "elevator speech". Not exactly sure what type of job you're interested in? Thinking about making an entire career change? Dennis will discuss how to assess your skills and prepare a strategy to help make the change you want. There is no cost to attend the Boot Camp. However, everyone is encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of the training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further info, please visit: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Volunteer drivers needed to transport older adults

Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Volunteer drivers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application, visit us on the web at InterfaithCommunityPartners.org, and like us on Facebook. We will train you and work around your busy life!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal last weekend. Your contribution funds ministries and services to share God's love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL

Come and join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Blessings, Fr. Lorenzo

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
LENTEN MORNING OF MEDITATION**

Saturday, March 16, 9:00-11:30am (8:30am Hospitality) in the SJC Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Rd, Western Springs. Dr. Bruno Cortis, MD on The Healing Power of the Spiritual Heart: How to Communicate with your Spiritual Heart, the Healing Power of the Biblical Heart, & Spiritual Tools that Promote Healing. Periods of Meditation - All are invited: Those who meditate, Those who want to know more about meditation. Sponsored by the Christian Meditation groups (wccm-usa.org, wccm.org). Reservations requested but not required. Contact: Betsy 708-246-8315 or wccmchgo@gmail.com Free will offering appreciated.

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus

Support the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series by dining at Q-BBQ La Grange, 70 S. La Grange Rd. on March 4 and 20% of your bill will be donated back to the Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus. Flier (below) will also be available at the Stirred Not Shaken concert and on our website: www.edwardfas.com.



**Sunday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.
ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER**

FREE ADMISSION



FUNDRAISING DAY

Return this form and Q-BBQ will donate 20% of your entire bill back to your organization.

ORGANIZATION: Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus
LOCATION: Q-BBQ La Grange, 70 S. La Grange Road
DATE: March 4, 2019 11am - 9pm

Community Bulletin Board

CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE 2019



**MARCH 16, 2019
9AM-5PM
DOMINICAN
UNIVERSITY**

Today's men can live out their masculinity, fatherhood, and brotherhood as Christ has taught us. We invite men to deepen their faith and renew their commitment to being the best man they can be. Our engaging speakers were selected to remind us of our responsibility, the power of

conversion, and the impact a good man can make.

Speakers: Richard Lane Jr., General Maryanne Miller, Fr. Richard Simon, Chris Stewart, Bishop Thomas Paprocki

Registration is required prior to the event. Please register at www.amanamongmenchicago.com

JOYFUL AGAIN



Widowed and feeling stuck? Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women March 9-10. (Incl. overnight) at the Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont and March 30 & 31 at the Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines. To register call: 708-354-7211, e-mail joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

The Suburban Catholic Social Group (SCSG) is welcoming new members. We are a Catholic faith based group for ages 40's and up meeting monthly for social and spiritual activities. We have been together for 10 years, creating great friendships along the way. Our events include dinner and a movie, bowling, hiking, attending mass and lunch together, Stations of the Cross, service events and much more! We welcome any and all ideas! For more information or questions about our group, you can find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/suburbancatholicsingles> or email scsgillinois@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

COSSITT CLOTHING SALE

Cossitt School, conveniently located at 115 West Cossitt Ave in La Grange, IL, will hold its bi-annual children's consignment sale on Saturday, March 9th from 8am - 1pm. Don't miss this huge selection of over 25,000 name-brand items from Infant to Size 16! Find amazing deals on gently-used items including clothing, shoes, baby equipment, sports gear, bikes, books and so much more! Come early for the best selection! Many items half-price from 11am - 1pm. Adults only from 8am-10am,

children admitted with adult from 10am-1pm. Please bring a basket or bag to carry your items throughout the sale. For more details, visit our website at www.cossittptc.org/clothingsale.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. To register online and see complete list of our new Programs: www.csjthewell.org or 708-482-5048

From Ashes to Alleluia: Ash Wednesday Prayer and Distribution of Ashes Wednesday, March 6, 7-8:30 PM
Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

What makes this Lent different from other Lents? Some would say "The world as we see it seems to be crumbling! Everything seems to be falling apart, turning to ashes before our eyes." What is the transformation to which the ashes are calling us this Lent? Join us as we contemplate our calling to enter the journey of Lenten transformation "From Ashes to Alleluia." The evening will include the distribution of ashes. Free-will offering

The Journey Back to Your Beautiful Heart

Friday Presentation, March 8, 7-8:30 PM

Saturday Workshop, March 9, 9:30 AM -3 PM

Facilitator: Bruce Sanguin

How does heart intelligence evolve? What enabled Jesus to realize his own human, divine and cosmic heart? What are the major obstacles that prevent us from evolving more deeply into our radiant hearts? Explore what is getting in the way of living in and through your own heart.

Cost: Friday and Saturday- \$100; Friday alone- \$30; Saturday alone: \$80 (includes lunch on Saturday). Please register as soon as possible.

Scriptures in Song Thursday, March 14, 7-8:30 PM,

repeated Friday, March 15, 10-11:30 AM

Facilitator: Kathy Sherman, CSJ

We all have favorite lines of Scripture that we love and that inspire us on our faith journey. This presentation will give you the opportunity to reflect and to sing original music composed for some familiar and beloved Scripture passages, taking you deeper into your heart and into the heart of the matter. Cost: \$20

MARCH NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its March St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or shrine@stritahs.com.

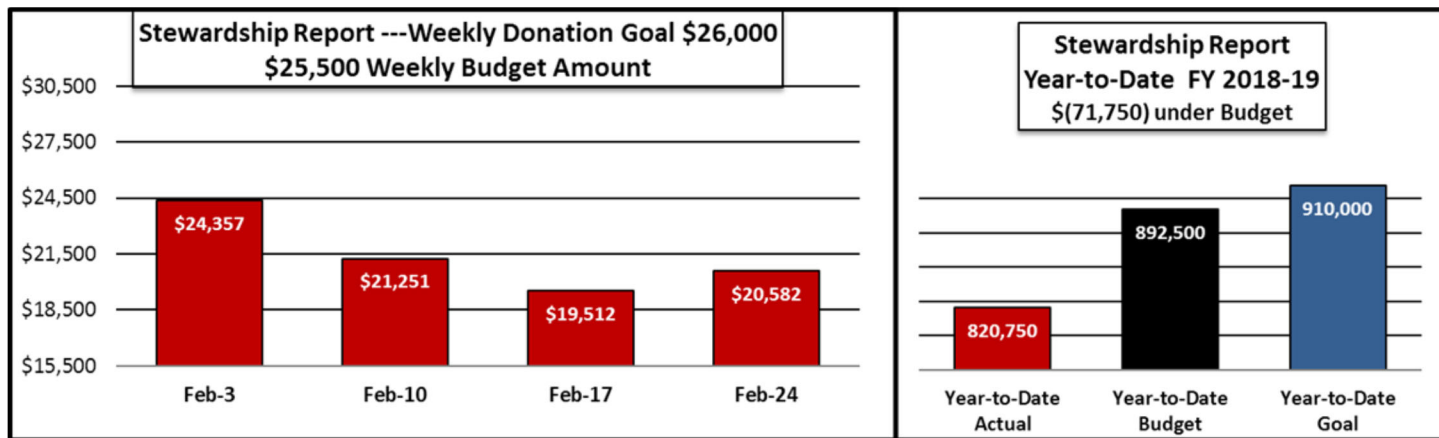
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 3	7:00am 4:00pm	Narthex Parish Center	Welcome Committee Fine Arts Series Concert: Stirred not Shaken
Monday, March 4	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room PC Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 5	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Morrissey Hall Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room	Cub Scout Meeting RCIA Spanish Holy Hour Social Concerns Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 6	6:30am 8:00am 9:00am 9:20am 3:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Church Church Parish Center Mtg Room Church Church Church Parish Center Gym Morrissey Hall	Mass and Distribution of Ashes Mass and Distribution of Ashes Mission Ladies School Mass and Distribution of Ashes Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes Mass and Distribution of Ashes Spanish Mass and Distribution of Ashes Boys Church League Practice
Thursday, March 7	5:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Rm School Music Rm	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 8	7:00pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 9	9:00am 5:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Narthex	Pre-Cana CRS Rice Bowl Distribution
Sunday, March 10	7:00am	Narthex	CRS Rice Bowl Distribution

Stewardship Report




ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



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 and click the "DONATE" button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209.

St. Cletus Parish Information

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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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 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.

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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