



# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1ST

This Wednesday, March 1st, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all Liturgies. Our Mass schedule is 6:30 a.m., 8:00a.m., 9:00 a.m. (School Mass), 6:30 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. (Spanish). A Prayer Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Church with distribution of Ashes.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from March 1st, 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.

### LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Please see page 11 of this week's Canticle for a calendar of 2017 Lenten Spiritual Opportunities offered at St. Cletus Parish.

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- MAR. 1: Ash Wednesday
- MAR. 4: Confirmation
- MAR. 10: Lenten Soup Supper and Taizé Prayer
- APR. 1: St. Cletus Spring Auction



## Mass Intentions for the Week of February 27 - March 5, 2017

| Day       | Presider<br>(subject to change)                                 | Time  | Intentions  |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| Monday    | Fr. Baker   | 8:00 a.m.   | George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac, Michael Lapolla   |
| Tuesday   | Fr. Fisher  | 8:00 a.m.   | Michael Pizzuto, Frank Wojcik, William P. Burns, Aurora Mangahas, George Duda, Marilyn Matesevac  |
| Wednesday | Fr. Gamboa  | 8:00 a.m.   | Stacy Baker, Marcie Johnston, Mr. & Mrs. Goez, Marilyn Matesevac  |
| Thursday  | Fr. Fisher  | 8:00 a.m.   | Phyllis Prevenas, Henry & Anna Pleszka, Ted Szlezak   |
| Friday    | Fr. Clark   | 8:00 a.m.   | St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present  |
| Saturday  | Fr. Baker<br>Fr. Clark  | 8:00 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m.  | Edward Vokurka, John Hovorka<br>Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Efrena Aranas, Thomas Ricciardoni, Tim Crain  |
| Sunday    | Fr. Clark<br>Fr. Gamboa<br>Fr. Baker<br>Fr. Baker<br>Fr. Gamboa | 7:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m. | Bill DePasquale, Marco & Bill Rattin, Dolores E. Kuchta, Skowron Family<br>St. Cletus Parishioners<br>Rose Haddad, Alfred Mozdzen, Bernie & Carol Hennessy<br>Gene Kennedy, Anthony Basile, Ted Bruce<br>Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners |



### Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017

Masses: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,  
6:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. (Spanish)

Prayer Service: 3:30 p.m.

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, March 4-5, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses or in the rectory during business hours.

### ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community—and nearly 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 next weekend after masses, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.



### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be sent to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com). All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

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

#### Timothy Albert Crain

Father of Kathy Massagli

#### Frederick Sager

Husband of Maureen Sager

May they rest in peace. Amen.

### 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

Joy Wettstein, Susan Star, Ernie and Katarina Dufner

#### January

Cynthia Cozen, Gerda Dorso, Jack Falsey, Gail Saban, Dr. Brigitta Sonnenkalb, Robert Stoinski, Amber Taylor, Catherine Troyner, and Jenna Zimmerman

#### December

Ernest Dufner, Frannie Grybis, and Theresa Cimaglia, Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydel, Adriana Pecheo, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecheo, Fernando Cabral, Maria Cabral, Kim Zwolinski, Jean Weekley, Glen Peters, Nick Lodato, Patricia Krieger, and John Duda

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Among Italy's myriad attractions, the city of Florence ranks high. Blink and you could easily miss a masterpiece in painting, architecture, or sculpture. Florence came into its own in the 1400's when it prospered through the textile trade and banking, and encouraged the intellectual and cultural rebirth known as the Renaissance.

An exhibition at the British Museum in London 2010 captured the strands of art and prosperity that belonged to the period by bringing together Italian Renaissance drawings by artists who worked under the patronage of the bankers and traders. The beauty and delicacy of these drawings stood in contrast to the rather materialistic emphasis given in a quotation from the journal of a Florentine banker in 1473, which stated, "It is generally said (and it is true) that earning and spending are among the greatest pleasures given to man in this world, and it is difficult to say which one gives greater pleasure."

The Florentine banker was not the first – and obviously not the last – to put so much importance on the pleasures of earning and spending. When Jesus says in today's Gospel, "You cannot be the slave both of God and of money", he goes to the heart of the problem. Earning and spending are necessary, and prosperity in itself is good, but our human condition is such that we can so easily allow ourselves to be enslaved by materialism. When this happens then money, possessions and the power that goes with them can become "false gods", and this in turn can affect our ways of thinking and behaving. We begin to think only of ourselves and to live only for ourselves. "Community" becomes a "non-word".

Jesus redirects our vision. "Look at the birds in the sky," he says. "They do not sow or reap or gather into barns"; and, of course, they do not earn or spend, but neither are they idle. On the contrary, they are always very busy, either gathering twigs or wool for their nests, or laying eggs, or collecting food for their young and feeding them. However, no matter how busy they are and no matter what struggles they have against the elements, Jesus tells us that "not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing". Our heavenly Father cares for them and feeds them.

Jesus also redirects our minds. "Think of the flowers growing in the fields," he says. The beauty of the smallest flower far exceeds the finest garment that human hands can make. Yet, for all their beauty, the flowers last but a

short  
time.

The message is similar. If we build our lives on what is here today and gone tomorrow, we shall know only disappointment. But if our lives are given to God, then God will take care of our needs and we shall find our treasure in heaven.

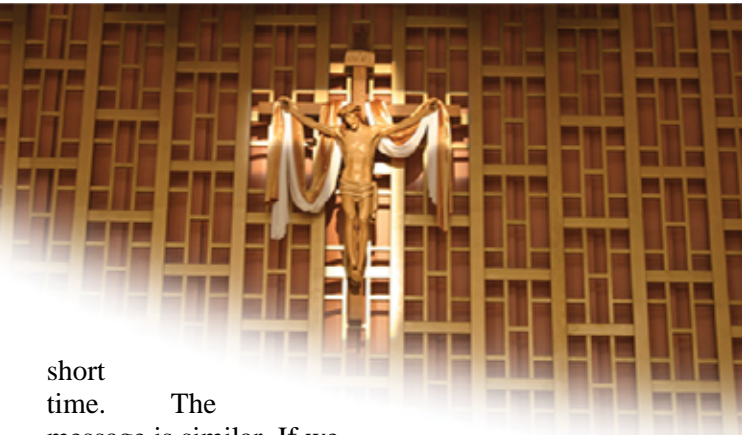
The Italian Renaissance artists turned their eyes to the birds and the flowers, and so the beauty of the natural world was reflected in their drawings. In the British Museum exhibition there were studies of a cheetah, a partridge, and a princely looking cockerel. Underpinning every drawing was a common faith in God's love and care for creation; but one series of drawings, in particular, exemplified that faith. These drawings were by Leonardo de Vinci, entitled "STUDIES OF THE INFANT CHRIST AND A CAT", and were impressions of how the infant Jesus would have played with a cat. Leonardo could not have drawn these pictures without first witnessing the special and loving relationship that can take place between children and animals. The cat's sleekness of line and elegance mingle with the child's wonder until the child finally embraces the cat in joy. In a remarkable way it shows the love of God in Christ for every creature and in its pure happiness can dispel sorrow or anxiety from troubled hearts and minds.

Most of us are like Martha in Luke's Gospel. She was told by the Lord that she worried and fretted about so many things. All that was necessary, he said, was to listen to the word of God. Worry and anxiety about material things can deafen us to God's word. Faith and trust enable us to hear the Lord speak to us, "Surely life, means more than food, and the body more than clothing!" "Your heavenly Father knows you need them all." If material things are enslaving us, or if we are struggling to make ends meet, may the Lord's words enlighten us.

*Peace,*



**Fr. Bob**  
**Pastor**





# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome Wednesday Open House ..... March 8 & 15  
 Welcome Wednesday Evening Session..... March 29  
 St. Cletus Spring Auction..... April 1

### 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



### Make a Wish

Our very own Isabel McKeehan was surprised by the Make a Wish Foundation. Isabel is living with a life threatening disease that she handles very well with a special diet. With her family and classmates by her side, Isabel's wish was revealed by the representatives of the Make a Wish Foundation.



### A "Love"ly Week

(Top Picture) There was some extra love in the air as our third-graders led a recent Mass where St. Paul's message from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1-13 was the focus during Father Ken's homily. Our students used their creativity to express faith, hope and love through colored banners and heart posters. A big thank you to our third-graders for helping make this so special for our parish community.

(Bottom Pictures) At our Preschool Valentine's Day party the students had fun celebrating together, playing games, eating treats, and making "love bug" headbands.



### Stand Up to Bullying

To support the Elgin boy that was recently the target of bullying our students had a dress down day to raise money to support the his recovery. Super Heroes was the theme so the halls were filled with Batmen, The Flash, and our local heroes, the Cubs!



### Box Tops Collections Raise almost \$1,200!

We are in our final weeks of collecting box tops for our first submittal of the year,

March 1st. If you have any clipped box tops laying around be sure to hand them in to the school asap. Thank you to everyone who clipped and saved last year! We received almost \$1,200 for all our efforts! Keep up the good work!

**St. Cletus School**  
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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# Welcome Wednesdays

PLEASE JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE OUR  
PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

**Morning Sessions:**

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
Drop in between 8 - 10 a.m.

**Evening Session:**

March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Drop in between 6 - 7p.m.

**Need an Alternate Time?**

Contact our school office to  
schedule a tour at 708-352-4820

Park on 54th Street and enter our early childhood wing via Door #6 between the church and school. If you have any questions call 708-352-4820 for more information.



# BRING ON THE MADNESS



Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Capri Banquets

6240 Joliet Road, Countryside

5:00 -11:00 pm

5:00 pm Tip-Off & Cash Bar

6:30 pm Open Bar—Beer & Wine

10:30 Checkout & Cash Bar Begins

\$75 per person

DJ, Food, Wine & Raffles

Watch the Final Four on a Giant Screen!

[auction.stcletusschool.com](http://auction.stcletusschool.com)

All parishioners, alumni,  
and friends of St. Cletus  
are invited to join us!

Visit our event web page  
[auction.stcletusschool.com](http://auction.stcletusschool.com) to:

- Get more information about the event
- Purchase your tickets for the event
- Become a sponsor or fill out a sponsor form
- Download a raffle item donation form

**W**e all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

TO SIGN UP, VISIT [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com)



BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP  
*chocolate*  
FOR LENT



## Social Concerns Ministry

### Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers (size 1, 2, 5, 6)
- Pasta sauce
- Diced tomatoes
- Spaghetti
- Rice (2 or 3 lb. bags)

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

### Food Pantry Thanks!

A heartfelt word of appreciation to our volunteers, who so faithfully stock the shelves; pack the bags; shop for supplemental groceries; volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository (the credits they earn help us pay for economically priced goods we order from the Depository); help on the day of distribution, and do whatever it takes to keep up with the need.

This is an ongoing ministry, which requires many, many helping hands as well as the generous food and monetary donations of parishioners and friends in the community.

THANK YOU to contributors and volunteers on behalf of St. Cletus and from all those we serve!

*If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Social Concerns Ministry contact Kendall Grant (708)215-5418 kgrant@stcletusparish.com*

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

**If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence**, this group may be very helpful.

The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant (kgrant@stcletusparish.com) or 708.215.5418 for more information.

#### Archdiocese of Chicago

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH BENEFIT GALA

On the occasion of Fr. Charles Dahm, O.P.'s 80th Birthday

Date: Friday, March 31, 2017

Time: 6:30-10:30 pm; Dinner, awards, silent auction and dancing

Location: The Diplomat West Elmhurst

Tickets: \$80.00 per person are available online at Eventbrite <https://domestic-violence-outreach-benefit-gala.eventbrite.com/> (Tickets will not be sold at the door.)

Honorees: Chicago Says No More, Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Charities, Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network.

We are celebrating to mark the wonderful growth of our ministry for victims of domestic violence, their children and even perpetrators. We have preached about domestic violence in more than ninety-five parishes and formed ministries in over eighty Catholic Churches in metropolitan Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has taken the lead among dioceses in the United States in our faith-based response to this epidemic of abuse that afflicts families in every community.

May we all be a light to those suffering in the darkness of their homes and bring them hope for a life free of violence. Join us to enjoy an evening of welcome, friendship, great food, dancing, awards and auction event. Net proceeds will support awareness raising, education & training and prevention initiatives. Thank you for your generous support. For more information, contact: Bibiana Tohme 708-971-3847 tohmebibiana@gmail.com

*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 purple box above.*

***You are not alone.***

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We need help handing out Rice Bowls after ALL MASSES March 4-5. All ages welcome. Please contact Kendall Grant (kgrant@stcletusparish.com or call 708.215.5418) to sign up to help. Thank you!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —  
— AWARENESS · SERVICES · PREVENTION —





Thanks to all the volunteers who helped assemble the CRS Rice Bowls last week! Rice bowls will be used in this year’s parish Lenten Almsgiving Project, which will support Catholic Relief Service’s humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL**

During the 2017 “Friend of the Poor” Benefit for Chicago -SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2017 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value) .



Raffle Tickets \$25 Each

Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 30, 2017 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter raffle. No redeemable cash value. Winner responsible for taxes, title, transfer, and insurance.

To purchase tickets: [www.svdpbenefit.org](http://www.svdpbenefit.org)

**CHALLENGES IN THE HOLY LAND TODAY AND WHY IT MATTERS**

**Mondays March 6, 13, and 20 at 7pm**



March 6: “Out of Zionism and Toward Justice: My Awakening as a Jew” Rebekah Levin

Rebekah Levin was raised in a Zionist home, and worked as a religious school and Hebrew teacher in Reform and Conservative Synagogues. Following college, she worked in Israel for Prime Minister Begin’s Office on the Status of Women, and worked for Member of Knesset Shulamit Aloni, researching issues of Palestinian human rights in the West Bank. Rebekah will talk with us about her path from being a Jew whose identity was based on a tribal Zionism to becoming focused on human rights and activism. She will facilitate a discussion about our own identities and relationship to Israel and Jews.

Grace Lutheran Church 200 N Catherine, LaGrange, Bernard Lounge 708.352.0730 [www.gracelutheran-lg.org](http://www.gracelutheran-lg.org)

**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

**Job Search Boot Camp - Week 4**

We invite to join us on Tuesday, February 28, 7-9 pm at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue for the fourth of five consecutive Tuesday sessions. This week, co-facilator, Jim Peterson, will provide job search tips for people over 50 and co-facilitator, Susan Sedler, will provide an overview of interviewing Techniques and Tips. Jim will also lead a discussion on how "Generational Differences" can impact your job search and interviewing. Time will also be devoted to practicing your Elevator Speech. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqsedler@aol.com). ICN meetings are open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

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

**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



AARP-trained tax volunteers will be available by appointment only for those aged 60+ who would like assistance preparing their income tax returns at:

Aging Care Connections, 111 W. Harris Avenue La Grange, IL 60525

Appointments will be scheduled Monday and Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 6 through Tuesday, April 11. To schedule an appointment, please call 708-354-1323.

**WORD OF LIFE**

“Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love. ... Every life is worth living.”



- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Program Flyer, [www.goo.gl/sYADTw](http://www.goo.gl/sYADTw)

**SOUP & TAIZÉ**

We invite you to share a Lenten evening of food, faith, and fellowship on Friday, March 10th from 6:00-6:50pm (Morrissey Hall) followed by Taizé Prayer at 7:00pm (Church). Please RSVP to Kendall 708.215.5418 or email [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com).

# Youth Ministry

## ENCOUNTER SMALL GROUPS

Our next Encounter is Sunday, March 12th at 4pm where we will again gather to explore life issues as they relate to our faith. Join us!

## CHURCH LEAGUE FOR GIRLS-COACHES NEEDED!



Registration for church league basketball for girls is now open ! All high school girls are welcome to join, whether they play for their schools or not. Practices begin in late March, with games in April and May. Adult volunteer coaches are needed to allow our team to participate, so contact Elizabeth if you are interested.

## FANNIE MAY CANDY FOR MISSION TRIP

The teens who will attend the mission trip this summer are raising money by selling Fannie May Easter Candy. Find out how you can buy your "Eastery" candy from Fannie May tax-free and have it delivered to your door for free! Contact Elizabeth for details!

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Friday, March 10th the parish ministries will sponsor a Lenten soup supper before the Taizé prayer. Volunteers are needed from 5-7:30 to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. This is a great way to interact with those in the parish and be part of a special Lenten tradition. Contact Elizabeth for more details!

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



St. Cletus has committed to helping at the West Suburban Community Pantry on Saturday, April 29th from 8-12 in Woodridge. We are looking for 5-6 high school teens (parents welcome) to help clients shop for their needs. Contact Elizabeth for sign-up details!

## UPCOMING PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Each Friday of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church. This is a wonderful way to refocus on the power of Christ's love for us through an ancient Lenten tradition.

On Friday, March 10th Taizé will take place instead of Stations. Taizé is a beautiful form of music and prayer that can truly be transforming in our relationship with God.

Our next Wednesday Sundaes will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at 7pm. Join us for reflection and ice cream!



Elizabeth Tomasek, Youth Ministry  
etomasek@stcletusparish.com  
(708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

# 2016-17 St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers



## Other Ministry Notes

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS MEETING

The Pastoral Care Ministers meeting will be Sunday, March 5th at 12:15 p.m.

This meeting is for all Ministers involved in the:

**Ministry of Care** - at LaGrange Hospital, the nursing homes and the homebound.

**Compassionate Care Ministry** - Funeral planner, Wake Prayers, Basket Assembly/Delivery, Card makers and mailers.

I would also like to invite anyone interested in these ministries to come and hear more about them.

We are in DIRE need of Funeral Planners. This is a blessed role (remember my homily about the beatitudes) and very gratifying. Training will be provided. Maybe your family has been the beneficiary of this ministry and you feel called to get involved? If so please come and find out more from those of us who do it.

We will meet in the school building Rm 201 and lunch will be provided. Please let me know if you are coming so that I can plan refreshments.

Blessings - Deacon Stuart  
sheyes@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5407

### FR RON ANGLIM - SAYS "HELLO TO ALL MY FRIENDS AT ST CLETUS."

Fr Ron is now (finally) situated in his new residence at: Bishop Timothy Lyne House, (home for retired priests) 12230 S. Will Cook Rd., Palos Park IL 60464.

He would welcome visitors, calls or mail from parishioners and asked that I pass on his best wishes to all at St Cletus. His cell no. is (708)246-6141. (please note he is a little hard of hearing though).



### 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 11:30 am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Thank you to everyone who attended our Cabaret Fundraiser on February 3rd. It was a wonderful event and we are pleased to report that we raised over \$4,000!



On Sunday, March 19th, we will present "A Joyful Noise" - the same name of the very first concert we prepared. This is designed to give everyone and anyone an opportunity to perform. Have a solo you want to sing? Want to form a group and sing with them? Let us know! The songs can range from sacred to popular; the variety is part of what makes this concert unique and exciting. We will arrange rehearsals as we need them. There will likely be one final "dress" rehearsal the week of the show, and then the concert will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 19th. I hope that many of you will join us for what promises to be an outstanding afternoon. If you have any questions email justinsisul@gmail.com.

### RE IMPORTANT DATES

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| February 26 & 27 | <b>No RE classes</b>  |
| March 2          | Mandatory Confirmation Practice (with Sponsors) in Church from 6:30-8pm                       |
| March 4          | Confirmation at 1 p.m. in Church (Students and Sponsors come at 12:30 p.m. to Morrissey Hall) |
| March 5 & 6      | RE classes in session. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade does not attend class                            |
| March 12 & 13    | RE classes in session. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade attends WAIT retreat in MH 9:15am – 12pm         |
| March 19 & 20    | RE classes in session   |



## Sunday Notes

### DON'T BE ANXIOUS

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on unimportant things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus asks us not to relinquish our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalm — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

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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: 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

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins  
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence  
 Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence; First Friday; World Day of Prayer  
 Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o'clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ's victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ's victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day "good"? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name "God's Friday." The traditional name for the day in Latin is *Feria VI in Parasceve*, which translates as "The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation." Other languages make do with "Holy Friday." In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it "Long Friday," a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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### HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF THE BEST LENT EVER ?

**Have you signed up for the free video e-mail program, Best Lent Ever from Dynamic Catholic?**

If not, go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> and prepare to take a powerful Lenten journey.

- Set a time. Make the Best Lent Ever a priority in your schedule. Pick a time each day when you'll have at least 5 uninterrupted minutes to reflect on the daily e-mail.
- Pick a place. Choose a comfortable, quiet place without distractions.
- Be committed. Will it really be your best lent ever? That's entirely up to you. All it takes is your commitment to live better each day during Lent. A couple of minutes a day can be the difference between just another Lent and having a life-changing Lent.



# Lent 2017

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES</b><br><b>Masses</b> - 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:00am (School), 6:30pm, 7:45pm (Spanish)<br><b>Prayer Service</b> - 3:30 pm<br><b>Daily Masses</b> - 8am (except Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) |   |  | <b>MARCH 1</b><br> | <b>MARCH 2</b><br>2:15pm School Stations of the Cross              | <b>MARCH 3</b><br>7pm Stations of the Cross (Mary's Stations)   | <b>MARCH 4</b><br>1pm Confirmation<br>4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions  |
| <b>MARCH 5</b><br>11am Family Mass   | <b>MARCH 6</b>  | <b>MARCH 7</b><br>6pm Holy Hour<br>7pm Spanish Holy Hour | <b>MARCH 8</b>  | <b>MARCH 9</b><br>2:15pm School Stations of the Cross              | <b>MARCH 10</b><br>6pm Soup Supper in Morrissey Hall<br>7pm Taizé Prayer  | <b>MARCH 11</b><br>5pm Girl Scout Mass<br>4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions  |
| <b>MARCH 12</b>  | <b>MARCH 13</b>   | <b>MARCH 14</b>  | <b>MARCH 15</b><br>7:00pm Teen Prayer Service   | <b>MARCH 16</b><br>2:15pm School Stations of the Cross             | <b>MARCH 17</b><br>7pm Stations of the Cross  | <b>MARCH 18</b><br>4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions   |
| <b>MARCH 19</b><br>4:00pm A Joyful Noise   | <b>MARCH 20</b>   | <b>MARCH 21</b>  | <b>MARCH 22</b>   | <b>MARCH 23</b><br>2:15pm School Stations of the Cross             | <b>MARCH 24</b><br>7pm Stations of the Cross  | <b>MARCH 25</b><br>4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions   |
| <b>MARCH 26</b>  | <b>MARCH 27</b>   | <b>MARCH 28</b>  | <b>MARCH 29</b>   | <b>MARCH 30</b><br>2:00pm School Living Stations of the Cross      | <b>MARCH 31</b><br>7pm Living Stations presented by the 8th grade students  | <b>APRIL 1</b><br>4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions  |
| <b>APRIL 2</b>   | <b>APRIL 3</b><br>7pm Parish Reconciliation Service                                 | <b>APRIL 4</b><br>6pm Holy Hour<br>7pm Spanish Holy Hour | <b>APRIL 5</b>  | <b>APRIL 6</b><br>2:15pm School Stations of the Cross              | <b>APRIL 7</b><br>7pm Stations of the Cross   | <b>APRIL 8</b><br>4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions  |
| <b>APRIL 9</b><br>Palm Sunday<br>11am Family Mass  | <b>APRIL 10</b>   | <b>APRIL 11</b>  | <b>APRIL 12</b>   | <b>APRIL 13</b><br>No 8am Mass<br>7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper | <b>APRIL 14</b><br>No 8am Mass<br>9:30am Via Crucis en Español in MH<br>11:30am Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Christo en Español in MH<br>1pm Pasión del Señor y Adoration del la Cruz en Español in MH<br>3:00pm The Passion of the Lord | <b>APRIL 15</b><br>No 8am Mass<br>No Confessions<br>No 5:00pm Mass<br>12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall<br>7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass |
| <b>APRIL 16</b><br>Easter Sunday   |  |  |   |  |   | <b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:</b><br>7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)   |

*PLEASE NOTE:  
 CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY*



## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN!



Are you widowed and finding stumbling blocks to moving ahead with your life? Do you want to move forward while still treasuring your memories?

There will be a workshop/retreat for widowed men and women March 4 & 5 at Our Lady of the Angels, House of Prayer, 13820 Main St. Lemont, IL. (Also on March 25 & 26 in Des Plaines). For info or to register call 708-354-7211. Early registration is encouraged.

### THE LEGACY GUILD

#### Scholarship Applications

Do you know a student in LT School District 204 who has lost a parent and is in need of college scholarship help? The Legacy Guild, a La Grange-area not-for-profit that was formed in 2012, will be accepting applications from 1/10/17 – 3/24/17. Deadline is March 24th for the 2017-2018 school year. See “TheLegacyGuild.com”, and select Scholars and see Application section for more details.



www.TheLegacyGuild.com, Bob Bock at 708-646-9047

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” Learn how to “not sweat the small stuff” and enhance your marriage by attending a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 7-9, 2017, June 9-11, 2017, or August 11-13, 2017, 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>.

### CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scout Mass will be celebrated on March 11, 2017 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.



Girl Scouts®

Please R.S.V.P by March 3<sup>rd</sup> so we have enough badges ordered - [stcletusgirlscouts@gmail.com](mailto:stcletusgirlscouts@gmail.com).

### ROBERT E. COULTER, JR. POST 1941



#### St. Patty's Day Party

Saturday March 11, 2017



Refreshments 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm  
Menu: Salad, Irish Soda Bread, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Coffee, tea, dessert & a cash bar  
Entertainment: Tooromeen School of Irish Dance  
\$16 per person

No tickets will be sold at the door. Must have reservations in by March 4th. Make checks payable to: Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941 and mail to Coulter Post 900 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL 60525. Please Include name, # of guests, and amount enclosed.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 9

The 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The event will feature great Irish fare, beer and wine. Entertainment by The Shannon Rovers, The McNulty Irish Dancers, and the Irish Musicians Association-Chicago will be a highlight. Proceeds benefit Catholic Charities programs for the homeless and disadvantaged in western Cook County. Reservations are \$60 prior to March 6 and \$65 after and at the door. Sponsorships are also available. For more information and to register, visit [www.catholiccharities.net/stpats](http://www.catholiccharities.net/stpats) or contact Esmeralda Zepeda at (708) 329-4022 or [ezepeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezepeda@catholiccharities.net).

### ALVERNIA ALUMNAE SPRING LUNCHEON

On Sunday, April 2, 2017 the Alvernia Alumnae Association will host its 25th Annual Spring Luncheon at The Cotillion, 360 W. Creekside Drive, Palatine, IL 60074. For information please visit our website at [www.alverniaalumnae.org](http://www.alverniaalumnae.org) or contact Eileen Lowery '71 at 773-882-1637 or [alvernainfo@gmail.com](mailto:alvernainfo@gmail.com).

### DIVORCE AND BEYOND

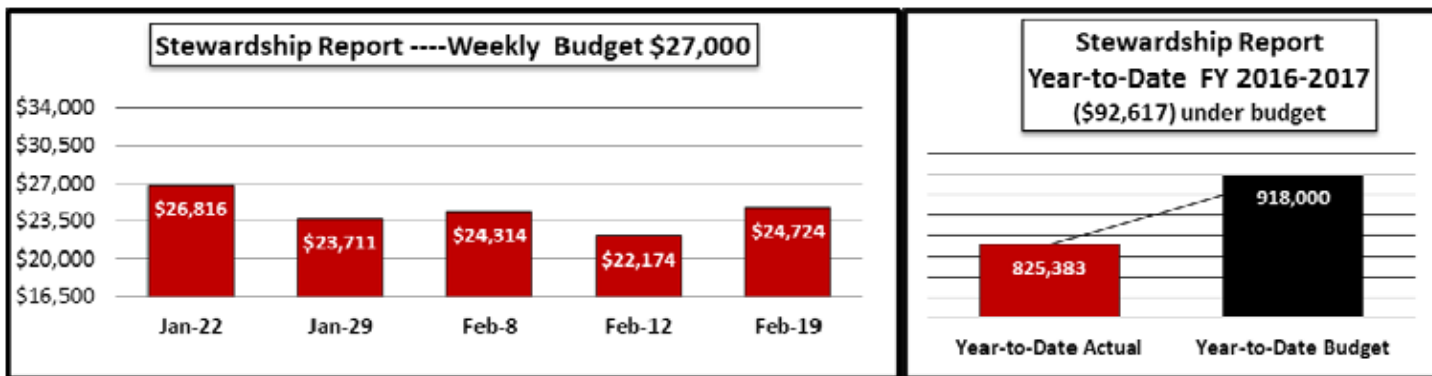
St. John of the Cross parish in Western Springs, is offering the Divorce and Beyond program beginning Thursday, February 23. Divorce and Beyond is a seven session series intended to be a source of hope, support and spiritual growth for those who are separated and/or divorced. For more info, please contact Steve Weigand at 708.246.4404, or [sweigand@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:sweigand@stjohnofthecross.org).

## 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, February 26  | 12:00pm<br>4:00pm   | S Rm 201<br>S Music Rm                               | Parent Mission Trip Meeting<br>Teen Choir Rehearsal  |                     |
| Monday, February 27  | 4:00pm<br>8:30pm  | S Music Rm<br>MH                                     | Junior Choir Rehearsal<br>Men's Basketball   |                     |
| Tuesday, February 28 | 6:30pm<br>7:00pm<br>8:00pm                                | RB<br>Rectory<br>S Rm 207                            | PPC Meeting<br>RCIA<br>Men's Prayer Group  |                     |
| Wednesday, March 1   | 6:30am<br>8 & 9am<br>9:00am<br>3:30pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:45pm | Church<br>Church<br>RB<br>Church<br>Church<br>Church | Ash Wednesday Mass<br>Ash Wednesday Mass<br>Mission Ladies<br>Ash Wednesday Prayer Service<br>Ash Wednesday Mass<br>Ash Wednesday Mass (Spanish) |                     |
| Thursday, March 2    | 5:00pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:00pm<br>7:30pm                      | S Music Rm<br>Church<br>S Rm 200<br>S Music Rm       | Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>Confirmation Practice<br>Mission Trip Meeting<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal   |                     |
| Friday, March 3      | 7:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>8:00pm                                | Church<br>S Rm 201<br>S Rm 98                        | Stations of the Cross<br>Hispanic Ministry Lenten Reflections<br>Holy Name Society Meeting   |                     |
| Saturday, March 4    | 1:00pm<br>5:00pm<br>5:00pm                                | Church<br>Narthex<br>Narthex                         | Confirmation<br>Welcome Committee<br>Lenten Almsgiving - CRS Rice Bowls  |                     |
| Sunday, March 5      | All Masses<br>All Masses                                  | Narthex<br>Narthex                                   | Welcome Committee<br>Lenten Almsgiving - CRS Rice Bowls  |                     |

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT




### SUPPORT ST. CLETUS PARISH WITH ONLINE GIVING

Many St. Cletus Parishioners have taken advantage of our online giving site to set up their monthly donations to our parish. If you would like to make your donation online please log onto our website, [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click on the Donate button. Register using your checking account, debit card or credit card. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the rectory, (708)352-6209.



# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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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 11:00 a.m. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

*Holy Hour* first Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
*Hispanic Adoration* continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## 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

**Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor**  
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|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
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