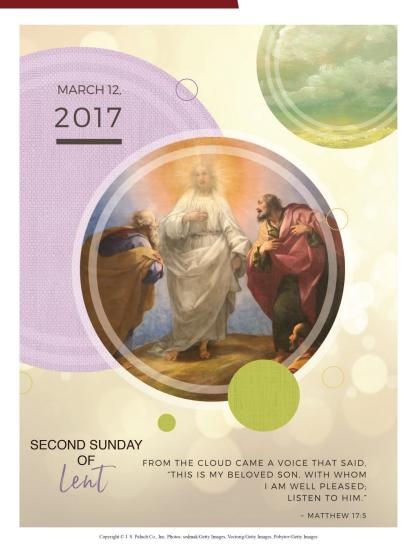


### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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MAR. 19: 4pm Fine Arts Series Concert "A Joyful Noise"MAR. 31: 7pm Living Stations of the Cross

APR. 1: St. Cletus Spring Auction

# **WELCOME** So glad you could join us!

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# Mass Intentions for the Week of March 13 - March 19, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Angelo Cumbo, Venda Teulacka, Lila & Bert Walsdorf
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John J. Kurland
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Curran, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise, Jr. Stacy Baker, Karen Frisbie, John McTigue
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Martin Baumer John Herzog, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Chester Yobe, Patricia Jacobs
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Matthew Kennedy, Dolores E. Kuchta, Mary & John Harmon, Gene Kennedy John Karch, Irene Szlenk, Margaret Shaughnessy, Joseph & Kay Klemak Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill Frey, Dick & Patsy Walsh, Colleen Murphy Gordon St. Cletus Parishioners Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



St. Patrick's Day, March 17, falls on a Friday this year. Cardinal Cupich has given a general dispensation to Catholics from abstaining from meat on this day. Instead, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago who choose to make

use of this general dispensation are asked to substitute another form of penance for the Lenten Friday abstinence.

#### **ENCOUNTER NUTRITION**

Pick up your rice bowl after masses this weekend. Please see page 10 where we encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing



children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org.

## NO WEDNESDAY LENTEN EVENING MASS

Due to lack of attendance there will be no Wednesday Lenten Evening Masses. Please page 11 for a list of other Worship Opportunities offered at St. Cletus Parish.

## BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. All articles are due 5:00p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday's publication.

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

Francis (Frank) H. Russell

May he 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.

#### March

Jennie Ficaro, Ann Smith Walls

#### 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, Ernest Dufner, Frannie Grybis, and Theresa Cimaglia, Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydel, Adriana Pecheo, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecheco, Fernando Cabral, Maria Cabral, Kim Zwolinkski, 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...

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Thor Heyerdahl is one of the most famous explorers of the twentieth century. He is particularly renowned as the leader of the Kon-Tiki expedition which set sail in a simple raft from the Pacific coast of South America to trace the journeys of the ancient peoples of Melanesia. As a newly married man in 1930, Heyerdahl went with his bride to a South Sea island and lived there for a year, in search of paradise. In fact, they were plagued with mosquitoes, and Heyerdahl's comment on the experience was: "Admission to paradise cannot be bought. Those who have found paradise have found it within themselves for free."

At the age of eighty-five he published a book entitled "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ADAM". He reflected on his life as an explorer of this world. All his life he saw his purpose as a search for unity between peoples, and for unity between people and nature. From his native Norway, Heyerdahl has travelled the world, a dynamic man, driven in search of knowledge and understanding. His guiding stars were unity and harmony.

An impulse such as this seems to have been at work in ancient times in the character of Abram. A citizen of Mesopotamia, he felt the call of God to uproot himself, leave everything behind, and go in search of a new land and a new destiny. He was to become the father of the Jewish people, and he settled in the land of Canaan. But at the time of his uprooting, life did not look very promising for Abram. Well on in years and childless, his dream of new life looked a very forlorn hope. But God had made promises to him and Abram would not deny them. He became a great adventurer, a great explorer of the unknown future. The Lord blessed him, and caused others to bless themselves by Abram, the man of faith.

A similar man of adventure was Saint Paul. He is described as a man "in journeying often". He explored the whole of the world within his reach. St. Paul traveled from Palestine and Syria to Asia Minor and Greece and from the islands of the Mediterranean to Italy and Rome. He wanted to go to Spain, and to the ends of the earth. This narrow, intense, bigoted, religious zealot, whose life was happily circumscribed by the religion of his fathers and the traditions of his ancestors, suddenly found his narrow world and even narrower perspectives blown apart, when he met Jesus of Nazareth on the road to Damascus. After that experience, everything changed. Paul had found paradise in this Jesus, and for that, he was prepared to suffer the loss of everything. Now he would go anywhere, go everywhere, to preach this name and to bring this faith to everyone.

Throughout his life, all his energy would be for this purpose, to help gather into unity the scattered children of God. He would become all things to all people, to save some at any cost. He would travel anywhere;

explore any situation, to spread the Good

News of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Paul became an adventurer and explorer for the Faith. Writing to Timothy, he tells his friend and disciple that all the hardships of life are worth it, in order to preach Jesus Christ to the world. As Paul faces his final days, imprisoned in Rome, the heart of the great adventurer cries out the great discovery – Jesus has abolished death and has proclaimed life and immortality.

This truth, this vision, was seen by the apostles in all its splendor on the mountain of the Transfiguration. There, the glory of God was seen in the body of Jesus. This experience of paradise inspired the Lord and his friends for the life they must live and the hardships they had yet to face.

It is God who is the great adventurer, the great explorer. To become a man, to take our flesh, and live our life: to bear suffering and undergo the Cross. What impulse drives the Lord to venture such things? The Lord is driven by the impulse of a deep and genuine love for us, his children.

It is in imitation of the Lord that we are called to take up the adventure of our own lives. The Lord calls us to "stand up" and "not to be afraid." Take your part in the adventure of faith, and help bring to unity the scattered children of God. .

Lenten Grace,

Fr. Bob Pastor

Fr. Bol

# **Parish School**



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

# FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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



# **Girls Scouts Receiving Religious Medals**

**Marian Medal:** Isabel Decker, Emi Kapusta, Maggie Rausch, Anna Hinckley, Reese Komsthoeft, Grace Rohrbacher, Briana Valdez, Mary Grace Jacobs, Brianna Lleranas, Adriana Serrano

**Family of God Medal:** Grace Degnan, Aliya Fernandez, Lucy Ferron, Audrey Gutierrez, Clara Kennedy, Isabel McKeehan, Caroline Mhley, Elizabeth Noga, Kaitlin O'Brien, Serafina Olano, Katelyn O'Toole, Elizabeth Pedergnana, Olivia Pedraza, Isabella Ruiz, Anneliese Sourek, Angela Tobolski, Grace Townsend

# Into the Woods Jr.

Join us March 22nd and 23rd as our junior high students perform *Into the Woods Jr.* Performances will be:

Wednesday, March  $22^{nd}$  4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March  $23^{rd}$  7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 each. Order tickets online from our school parent webpage - http://stcletusschool.com/parents/. There are a limited number of tickets available.



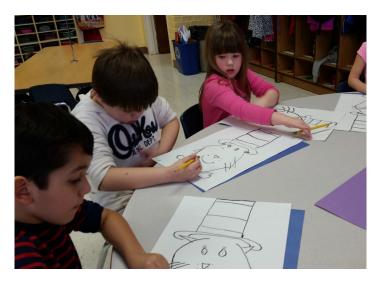
# **5th Grade Energy Fair** Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm Morrissey Hall

This past year, St. Cletus School earned a competitive grant through the Energizing Student Potential Program. This program allows students to explore energy and conservation as well as teach others about energy. Students have been investigating topics such as renewable energy, oil and natural gas, energy efficiency and conservation during science instruction. All students, faculty, parents and visitors are invited to join us for the Energy Fair where students will share and demonstrate their learning. More information about the grant program can be found at www.need.org



# Join us for an Open House!

Families with children ages 3-6 are invited to experience our preschool and kindergarten classrooms. We hope to see you there!



# Kindergarten Celebrates Dr. Seuss

We had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss this week! We laughed A LOT when reading his books. Dr. Seuss books are PERFECT for beginning readers. In fact, Seuss was asked to publish a book with a certain number of sight words back in the 1950s due to criticism over children's reading levels. The result was *The Cat in the Hat*! Seuss has helped make children readers or better readers for many years and our students enjoyed celebrating one of their favorite authors.

# St. Cletus Hoopla - Spring Auction on April 1, 2017

# GET IN ON THE FUN!

**Become a Sponsor -** Sponsorships are still available. Please consider showing your support by becoming a sponsor. Sponsorships can be purchase online.



**Buy Tickets** - Tickets are \$75 each. The event is April 1st from 6:30-10:30pm,

doors open at 5pm, at Capri Banquets on Joliet Rd. Casual Attire. Pay by check or buy your tickets online.

**Live Auction Raffle** - Would you like first choice of the live auction items? For \$100 you can enter the Live Auction Raffle for the chance to pick one of the live auction items before they go up for bid. Winner will be chosen just before the Live Auction begins.

# **SNEAK PEAK OF OUR AUCTION ITEMS**

#### For the Sports Lovers...

- 4 tickets to see the Bulls play Orlando Magic
- 4 FRONT ROW football tickets to see the Wisconsin Badgers play the Purdue Boilermakers
- Tickets to see the World Series Champion CUBS

#### For the Sun Lovers...

- One week vacation on Hilton Head Island, SC PLUS a \$500 Southwest Gift Card
- Getaway for a long weekend in Naples, FL

#### For the Food & Wine Lovers...

- Private mass with Fr. Bob followed by a gourmet dinner for 10 guests
- Private Wine Tasting for 6



### HELP US BUILD A WINE CELLAR!

We need your help building the St. Cletus Wine Cellar for the Instant Wine Cellar Raffle. We will be selling corks for \$50 per cork. The winner will receive 50 bottles of fine wine valued at over \$1,200!

We are requesting donations of bottles of wine (red or white) with a price tag of \$25 and up. Wine donations may be dropped off at the St. Cletus School Office.

Don't have time to shop? No problem. We are also accepting monetary donations and will purchase the wine on your behalf.

Visit our table in the Narthex during weekend masses to drop off donations or purchase wine raffle corks.

#### \$50 per cork for your chance to win 50 bottles!

Donations can also be sent to the school office in an envelope marked "Wine Raffle." Please include your name and mailing address with your donation.

Please contact us with any questions at (773)562-1104.

Thank you! Scott and Stacey Aulinskis

# Visit auction.stcletusschool.com for more information and to purchase tickets!



# **Social Concerns Ministry**

# **Food Pantry**

Most needed at this time:

- Canned/dry milk
- Juice
- Crackers
- Laundry detergent
- \$10 Jewel Gift Cards

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.

Thanks to all who helped at our March food pantry distribution. Please note, because of Holy Thursday that April food pantry distribution will be held on the third Thursday of the month, April 20. During the food pantry closest to Easter we like to provide each household with a \$10 gift card to Jewel to help supplement groceries, get a special treat, or contribute to their Holiday meal. If you're able to consider donating a \$10 Jewel gift card this month it would be most appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

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 at 708.215.5418 or kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.

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 to the right.

You are not alone.

# LENTEN ALMSGIVING

## **ENCOUNTER NUTRITION**

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

A child who lives in Royda Banda's family complex. Royda is the sister of Evelina Banda. The sisters are very close and do many things together, including



Photo by Jim Stipe/Catholic Relief Services

cooking, eating and farming in Ndombi Village, Zambia.

Both Royda and Evelina are learning about nutrition and hygiene by participating in the CRS FANSER project, implemented by Caritas Chipata in Eastern Zambia.

The child in this photo benefits from the nutrition and hygiene information that Evelina and Royda are learning.

Background: With support from GIZ, the German government's agency for international development, Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Chipata are implementing the "Food and Nutrition Security, Enhanced Resilience" project, also known as FANSER, which aims to improve food security and nutrition among pregnant and lactating women and children under two in Petauke district, Eastern Zambia.



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CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254 From August 1st, 2015 through December 31st, 2017, the FANSER project will be working with households to promote basic hygiene practices, support growth monitoring sessions, and help prevent child malnutrition by promoting the use of locally-produced, nutrient-rich crops for balanced, nutritious diets through "care groups".

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

#### Monday March 13 (and March 20) at 7pm

March 13: "No Way to Treat a Child" Joyce Cassel

Joyce spent 12 years as a teacher at Lyons Township High School. In 2016 Joyce volunteered through the World Council of Churches to observe and accompany Palestinians in Hebron, one of the most contentious cities in the West Bank. Joyce volunteers with the "No Way to Treat a Child" campaign which works to expose the widespread and systematic mistreatment of Palestinian children in the Israeli Military detention system.

Grace Lutheran Church 200 N Catherine, LaGrange, Bernard Lounge 708.352.0730 www.gracelutheran-lg.org

#### **INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

#### First 100 Days of Your Job Search

Looking to change jobs? Find yourself in transition? Join us on Thursday, March 16, 7-9 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Our speaker, Michelle Nacker, former ICN job seeker and current Product Management professional, will detail key actions you can take from day 1 to day 100 and beyond. Michelle speaks from her heart because she knows what transition is like emotionally and professionally. She will share tips on how to build your network in the community and on social media; what days are better to reach out to potential employers and some basic steps to help organize your search. Everyone can learn something from Michelle! ICN meetings are open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

#### **Free Resume Review**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30-11:30 am. Come in for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional, for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a great opportunity for you or someone you know in a job search. Join us at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center.

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

#### AGING CARE CONNECTIONS IN LAGRANGE -VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to join us at Aging Care Connections! Our staff relies on volunteers to help us serve over 8,000 older adults and their families each year.

#### **Front Desk Reception Volunteers**

Primary Functions: Volunteers will answer phones and transfer calls, make appointments and be very reliable and able to commit to a weekly schedule. Skills sought: Good communication skills and patience, as we work with older people and people with disabilities over the phone and in person. Schedule: Mondays and/or Wednesdays, 12:30PM - 4:30PM Location: 111 W Harris Ave, La Grange, IL 60525

#### **Data Entry Volunteer- Choices for Care Program**

Primary Functions: Volunteers will type and enter data into a computer, as well as, organize, fax and scan documents. Skills sought: Experience using basic office equipment and good typing skills. Schedule: Able to commit to at least 1-2 days per week, Monday-Friday. Location: 111 W Harris Ave, La Grange, IL 60525

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities, contact Denise Gerda at 707-603-2245 or dgerda@agingcareconnections.org.

"To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."

— Pope Saint John Paul II

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility: www.goo.gl/qUXiGg



# Youth Ministry Fannie May Easter Candy Order Form

The teens who will attend the Mission Trip this summer are raising money by selling Fannie May Easter Candy. Buy your "Eastery" candy from Fannie May tax-free and have it delivered to your door for free! The order form is below, the full catalog is available on our website, www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Order forms and checks are due March 19th.

State: Zip:



Order Forms and checks are due Sunday, March 19th to the Rectory. The full catalog is on our website. Thank you for supporting our Mission Trip!



3 oz. Chocolate Bunny 95300 Milk \$3.99 95301 White \$3.99

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5 pack **1 oz Bunny Pops** 95010 \$7.99



4 pack 1 oz Chick Pops 1 oz Bunny Pops 95451 \$6.95

95343 \$49.99



**Bunny Basket** 95441 \$29.99



95469 \$6.95

Milk 95420 \$12.99 Dark 95422 \$12.99



95325 \$9.99



95414 \$3.99

Spring Pretzels Seasonal Assorted Trinidad Cream Egg 95356 \$9.99

Full Catalog available at http://stcletusparish.com/youth, orders are due 3/19/17

		Number of items ordered:		
		Order Amount:		
QTY	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
	_ 95337	COLONIAL ASSORTMENT PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$49.99	
	_ 95336	COLONIAL ASSORTMENT PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$24.99	
	_ 95339	ASSORTED CHOCOLATES PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$49.99	
	_ 95354	ASSORTED CHOCOLATES PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$24.99	
	89251	NSA ASSORTED CHOCOLATES WHITE BOX	\$24.99	
	_ 95335	SPRING MINT MELTAWAYS GREEN DOT WRAP	\$24.99	
	_ 95353	MINT MELTAWAYS COMBO GREEN DOT WRAP	\$12.99	
	_ 89256	NSA MINT MELTAWAYS COMBO WHITE BOX	\$12.99	
	_ 95341	TRINIDADS PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$24.99	
	_ 95333	PIXIES PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$49.99	
	_ 95332	PIXIES PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$24.99	
		PIXIES GREEN DOT WRAP	\$12.99	
		NSA PIXIES" CLASSIC WHITE BOX	\$24.99	
	_ 95340	ASSORTED CREAMS PURPLE DOT WRAP	\$24.99	
	82068	MILK VANILLA BUTTERCREAMS	\$24.99	
	82069	DARK VANILLA BUTTERCREAMS	\$24.99	
	95010	5 PK 1 OZ BUNNY POPS	\$7.99	
	95469	4 PK 1 OZ CHICK POPS	\$6.95	
	95307	JELLY BIRD EGGS	\$9.99	
	95275	MILK CHOCOLATE FOIL EGG	\$7.99	
		MILK CHOCOLATE FOIL BUNNIES	\$7.99	
	95451	4 PK 1 OZ BUNNY POPS	\$6.95	
	95300	MILK CHOCOLATE BUNNY	\$3.99	
	95301	WHITE CONFECTION BUNNY	\$3.99	
		DARK CHOCOLATE BUNNY	\$3.99	
	95303	MILK CHOCOLATE BUNNY	\$6.99	
	_	WHITE CONFECTION BUNNY	\$6.99	
	95305	DARK CHOCOLATE BUNNY	\$6.99	
	95344	ULTIMATE TOWER	\$89.99	
		TRADITIONS TOWER	\$49.99	
		CLASSIC DUO	\$39.99	
	95441	BUNNY BASKET	\$29.99	
	95414	TRINIDAD" CREAM EGG	\$3.99	
	95314	MILK CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER CREAM EGG	\$3.99	
	95311	PIXIE CREAM EGG	\$3.99	
	95310	MILK VANILLA BUTTERCREAM EGG	\$3.99	
		MILK FRUIT & NUT CREAM EGG	\$3.99	
		GREEN MAY CREAM EGG	\$3.99	_
		8 PC CREAM EGG GIFT BOX	\$24.99	
		4 PC CREAM EGG GIFT BOX	\$12.99	
		CARAMEL PECAN FUDGE EGG	\$9.99	
	_	MILK MARSHMALLOW EGG	\$12.99	
		DARK MARSHMALLOW EGG	\$12.99	
		SPRING PRETZELS	\$9.99	
		SEASONAL ASSORTED CHOCOLATE	\$9.99	
		SUBTOTAL:	\$	

Account Name: St. Cletus Youth Ministry

ORDER INFORMATION:

Name:

Daytime Phone:

Evening Phone:

Sale Starts: 3/01/2017 Sale Ends: 3/19/2017

SUBTOTAL: S TAX\* (If Applicable): \$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_ \*IA 6%, IL \$6.25%, IN 7%, MO 1.225%, WI 5%

95302 Dark \$3.99
<b>6 oz. Chocolate Bu</b> 95300 Milk \$3.99 95301 White \$3.99 95302 Dark \$3.99

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Name:

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# Youth Ministry Continued and Other Ministry Notes

# YM - ENCOUNTER SMALL GROUPS

Our next Youth Ministry Encounter is Sunday, March 12th at 4pm on the 2nd floor of the Education Building where we will again gather to explore life issues as they relate to our faith. Join us!

# **YM - GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE**



Thank you to Mike Walsh and Leo Lopez for offering to volunteer their time and talents as coaches for the girls' team! Registration has been extended, and we still have spaces for more girls

to join the team. You can find the registration forms on the website today. Please submit by March 16th!

# **YM - WEDNESDAY SUNDAES**

Strengthen your Lent journey by joining us at 7pm this Wednesday in the church for some prayerful reflection, pausing to take notice of how God is working in your life. Then stay after for ice cream and conversation in the Youth Ministry room.



## YM - KAIROS 25

Over 50 high school juniors and seniors leave Thursday evening for their Kairos retreat. Please pray for the retreatants, that they may have minds and hearts open to God's calling, for the teen leaders, that they may courageously and joyfully share God's role in their lives, and for the adult leaders, that their love for teens allows the teens to recognize God's own love and mercy.

### YM - COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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!

# **ST. CLETUS CREDO LIBRARY TURNS 5!**

The library is FIVE years old. We have over 1,600 books and DVDs that have been donated, and over 300 are currently checked out. Due to limited space on the library cart we can only have a portion of the library on display each month, and books are changed regularly and with respect to the church calendar (Advent, Lent, etc..).

Once a year we do an inventory, and this year we will do it at the end of March. So if you have any books out that you have had for over six months, please return them as soon as possible.

Your gifts have made the library possible. Thank you, and

please continue to leave donations in the return basket.

Also, a reminder to leave your NAME and PHONE NUMBER on the card when you check out a book.

Thanks, CREDO Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities

## **RESISTING HAPPINESS - BY MATTHEW KELLY**

Last Christmas Fr. Bob and Staff gave all parish families this book for Christmas. I pray that many of you read it and loved it, as did I, not only that but that you took some concrete steps as a result to make you a happier and more fulfilled Catholic. The reason for this note is let you know that his organization: DynamicCatholic.com is offering the "BEST LENT EVER" daily video series. They will take you through the book for a Lenten journey like no other. So don't give up chocolate BUT RATHER travel with Matthew Kelly and enjoy your Lent! To get them in e-mail box daily visit their website vour DynamicCatholic.com and register. - Dcn. Stuart

# **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

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## ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF



# **American Passion Play**"

Saturday, March 25th 1:00 pm

the original American Passion Play

Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts in Bloomington, IL

The newly formed Council of Catholic Women (CCW) has some remaining tickets for the 94<sup>th</sup> consecutive performance of the American Passion

Play. The play is a rendering of Jesus' entire ministry. For detailed information visit www.americanpassionsplay.org.

Tickets are \$20 each but <u>time is limited</u>. The deadline is March 17. Please contact Ann Kuchta for ticket availability and further information either at amkuchta@uic.edu or (708) 354-2517.

# **Sunday Notes**

## THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering-or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

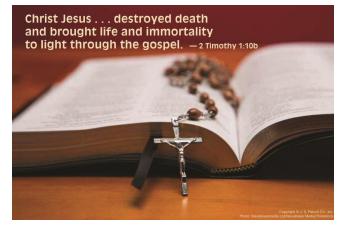
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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Tuesday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	-
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
•	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
-	Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

## **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early



years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisius. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

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#### SORE SHINS

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 12	March 13	March 14 6:00pm Holy Hour	MARCH 15 7:00pm Teen Prayer Service followed by Ice Cream	MARCH 16 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 17 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Traditional)	MARCH 18 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
MARCH 19 4:00pm A Joyful Noise Concert	March 20	March 21 6:00pm Holy Hour	March 22	MARCH 23 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 24 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Cancer Survivor Group)	MARCH 25 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
March 26	MARCH 27	March 28 6:00pm Holy Hour	March 29	MARCH 30 2:00pm School Living Stations of the Cross	MARCH 31 7:00pm Living Stations (Presented by the 8th grade students)	APRIL 1 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
April 2	APRIL 3 7:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service	APRIL 4 6:00pm Holy Hour 7:00pm Spanish Holy Hour	April 5	APRIL 6 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	APRIL 7 7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Social Justice)	APRIL 8 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
APRIL 9 Palm Sunday 11am Family Mass	April 10	April 11 6:00pm Holy Hour	April 12	APRIL 13 No 8am Mass 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	APRIL 14 No 8am Mass 9:30am Via Crucis en Español in MH 11:30am Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Christo en Español in	APRIL 15 No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in Morris- sey Hall
April 16 Easter Sunday	PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS W	EAST 7:00 :	URING HOLY WEEK OR ER SUNDAY SERV am, 8:00am, 9:30 2:30 p.m. (Mass	/ <b>ICES:</b> )am, 11:00am,	MH 1pm Pasión del Señor y Adoration del la Cruz en Español in MH 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord	7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

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# St. Cletus Parish

# **Community Bulletin Board**

# **ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES**



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#### **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 25 & 26, 2017 at Presence/Holy Fam Med, Des Plaines. For info or to register call Joyful Again Widowed Ministry 708-354-7211. Early registration is encouraged.

#### SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP

Multi Parish Ministry For singles in their 40's and 50's

March Event: Saturday, 3/18, 6pm join us for Dinner and Live Music, (Kickin Jimmy) at Palmer's, 56 S La Grange Road in La Grange. Cost is your dinner. Please RSVP by 3/16. contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles.

# The Office for Human Dignity & Solidarity



The Immigration Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago, invites everyone – individuals, classrooms and parishes – to utilize

this calendar during the Lenten season to nourish a deeper compassion and a lived spirituality of following Christ in these difficult times. Let us be challenged to see the face of Christ in all those we call stranger, to see the suffering of Christ in immigrants and refugees and to work toward compassionate immigration reform that will preserve human dignity and preserve families.

Visit catholicsandimmigrants.org for more information.

#### **ONGOING AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Peace Circles and Know Your Rights Workshops are taking place in more than 45 parishes. Call Jose Torres al 312-534-8104 for info.

Rosary for Immigrants- After mass every Saturday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 8am, 12pm, 2pm, and 7pm at St. Paul, 206 E 25th St, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

Rosary for Immigrants every Friday at 7:00pm at Blessed Sacrament parish 3528 S Hermitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60609.

Polish Mass for Immigrants at St. Ferdinand 5900 W Barry Ave., every 10th of the month at 7pm. Contact Malgorzata Antoniak for Polish Immigrant to Immigrant Ministry at 847-917-0422 or mantoniak@archchicago.org.

Prayer Vigil Friday mornings at 7:15am at Broadview Detention Center, 1930 Beach St., Broadview IL: Contact Elena Segura al 312-534-5333 or esegura@archchicago.org

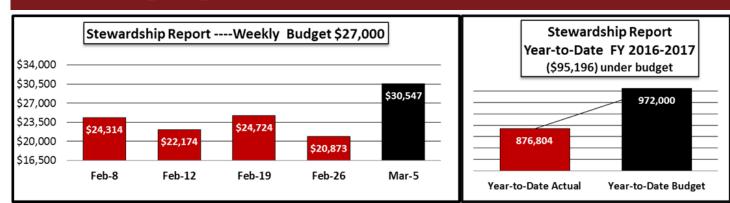
#### 2017 Lenten Calendar

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12 2nd Sunday of Lent: In today's first reading, God tells Abraham, as he begins his Migration journey, "All the communities of the earth will find blessing in you." How are immigrants a blessing to us and to our communities?	13 We know the refugees; they are us." – Tweet from Cardinal Cupich, posted 01:30-2017 "The Church's first truth is the love of Christ." When people look at us, is the first thing they see the love of Christ?	14 The end of today's. Gospel: "whoever humbles himself will be exatled." [Mt 23:12]. Pray for immigrants who provide services: who clean our hotels and houses; cook and serve our food; maintain our lawns and gardens: arisechicago.org	15 "Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Read Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2017: The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.	16 "I ask everyone to take care of the young, who in a threefold way are defenseless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves." Pope Francis' 2017 Message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees	17 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: Pray the sorrowful mysteries; remember the children crossing our borders. It's St. Patrick's Day: Let us remember that our nation was built by immigrants and enriched by their presence.	18He was lost and has been found![Lk 15:32] Assist young immigrants to be welcomed as God's children. Contact Congress and ask to insure the safety and protection of unaccompanied refugee children 866-940-2439
19- 3rd Sunday of Lent Reflect on Jn 4: 5-42: Let us imitate Jesus in our encounters with those who are different from us in nationality or religious faith. Let us learn from each other in truth!	20 Feast of St. Joseph St. Joseph was forced to take his family to Egypt to flee Herod's wrath. Pray for all refugees enduring political persecution. www.crs.org/	21 "Remember your mercies, O Lord." [Ps 25:6] Have mercy on those forced into refugee camps or immigration detention, wherever they may be. www.ICDIChicago.org	22 Mt 5:17-19 Jesus came to fulfill the law. Work for legislation that embodies Catholic social teaching and basic human rights. www.cliniclegal.org	23 Whoever is not with me is against me-Lk 11:23 Live in solidarity with immigrants. Leam the stories of migrant and refugee journeys. Visit www.crs.org	24 Prayer Vigil at Broadview 7:15am: Love your neighbor as yourself. Mk 12:31 Pray for our neighbors who are being deported every day.	25 Solemnity of the Annunciation "Let's leave fear at the door, not the refugee, and remember we are the land of the free and the home of the brave."Tweet from Cardinal Cupich, 01-30-17.

# Week at a Glance

CChurch SSchool (E	ducation Building)	NarthexChu	rch Vestibule RBRectory Basement MHMorrissey Hall
DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 12	All Masses	Narthex	St. Cletus School Auction Wine Collection and Raffle Sales
	4:00pm	S Rm 201/208	Teen Encounter Groups
Monday, March 13	4:00pm	S Music Rm	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	8:30pm	MH	Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 14	7:00pm	S Rm 201	Track Team Parent Meeting
	7:00pm	Rectory	RCIA
	6:00pm	Church	Holy Hour
	8:00pm	S Rm 207	Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, March 15	8:00am	S K/Pre-K	Welcome Wednesday Open House
	9:00am	RB	Mission Ladies
	7:00pm	S Rm 98	CREDO
	7:00pm	S Rm 200	Teen Prayer Service and Ice Cream
Thursday, March 16	5:00pm	S Music Rm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	S Music Rm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 17	7:00pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
	7:00pm	S Rm 201	Hispanic Ministry Lenten Reflections
Saturday, March 18	5:00pm	Narthex	St. Cletus School Auction Wine Collection and Raffle Sales
Sunday, March 19	All Masses	Narthex	St. Cletus School Auction Wine Collection and Raffle Sales
	4:00pm	Church	Ed Ward Fine Art Series Concert "A Joyful Noise"

# **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 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.



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#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Saturday	
Sunday	

#### 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	
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

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.

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