

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends  
of the earth.**  
- Isaiah 49:6b



## St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

# OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

- SEE** OUR FAIRS: SCIENCE, HISTORY, CONSUMER, INVENTION, AND BIOGRAPHY
- VISIT** OUR NEW STATE OF THE ART CENTER FOR ATHLETICS AND FINE ARTS
- MEET** DOT AND DASH - OUR ROBOTS - IN OUR TECH LAB
- HEAR** OUR MUSICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING
- TOUR** THE SCHOOL WITH OUR HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS

### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GREAT PROGRAMS AT ST. CLETUS SCHOOL:

- Before and After Care Availability
- Early Childhood Programs: 3-4 yr PreK, Jr. Kindergarten, and Kindergarten
- Technology integration across curriculum including 1:1 devices for grades 3-8
- No-cut sports programs encourage teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun regardless of skill level
- Volunteer opportunities including Athletic Association, Family School Association, Father's Club, School Board, Scouts, and more!



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**BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL**  
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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 27- February 2, 2020

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik, Special Intention - Mark Radulski
Tuesday	Fr. Barret	8:00 a.m.	Rhoda D. Smithy
Wednesday	Fr. Barret	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Russ Evans
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Chuck Foerster
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	William Lillis
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Joseph & Kay Klemak, Michael Bansley Jim Deslauriers, Patricia Gartner, Rhoda D. Smithy
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa 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.	George Duda, Bill DePasquale, Marco, Emilia, & Tony Rattin Stacy Baker, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Samuel Colonna St. Cletus Parishioners B.C. Collins, Louise Callaghan, Nenita Bengua Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE



Please join us Sunday, January 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. for the St. Cletus School Open House. Take a tour, meet our faculty and staff, and learn more about our parish school.

### CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend there will be envelopes available in the pews for the collection for the Church in Latin America. For more information visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)



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

**Geraldine Ramirez**

**May she 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.*

**January** - Joan Clark, Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Gerdevich, Jeanie Hills, Mary Ramirez, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Rose Serrano, Mary Sheehan, Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, John Collingwood

**December** - Ed Kutcha, Hermelinda Nevarez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Rachael Schopp

**November** - Joan Clark, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Shirley Funk, Don King, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski, John Duda, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Carol Witkowski, Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni, Jean Weekley

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

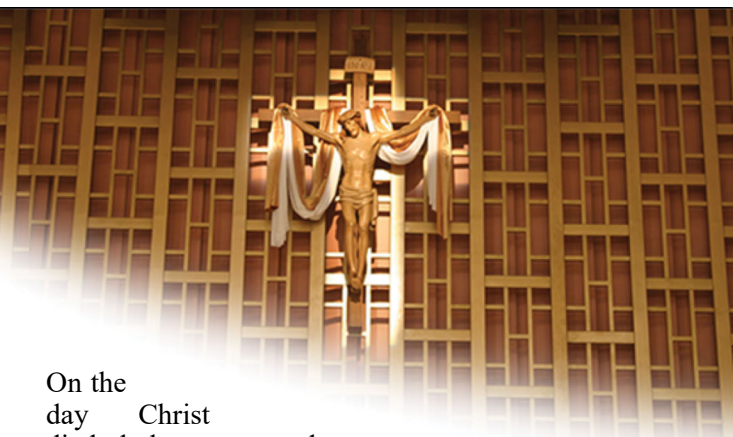
In August of 1999 there was a total eclipse of the sun. Its flight path crossed the globe from the north Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. All across the this area of the world on the morning of the eclipse, a bright sunny day, with clear skies overhead, thousands of people gathered on beaches and open lands and waited for the world to grow dark. When the time came, the shape of the moon could be seen to encroach on the blazing sun, and gradually the light of day was turned to the darkest of nights. After a few minutes, the bright sunlight began to emerge again as the moon drifted past, and all the people were bathed in light once more. "A people who dwelt in darkness saw a great light."

One observer described the experience as "sacred" or "spiritual". Something very special, something out of the ordinary, a truly great wonder of nature had taken place and the watching crowd had felt united in sharing the experience together.

In this experience, it was the darkness that brought the feeling of closeness and unity to the people. It was the dying of the light which served to remind us how selfishly we abuse the light of day, misusing it for our own delight: how foolishly we forget our common inheritance as children of God. Sometimes we need the shock of the dark to bring us to our senses, to make us concentrate our attention on the unity of humankind, and on the unity of God. There is only one God, and we are all his children.

In the busy seaport of Corinth, Paul, the great apostle and preacher of Christ, came to plant the Christian faith. It was a tremendous place to come to: a thriving commercial center, full of people, full of business, full of life and activity. Religions and philosophies vied with each other for pride of place in this great metropolis. Vice and immorality also found great space and scope for their activities. If the faith could be planted here, it could quickly spread to that whole area of southern Greece.

Paul established a strong community of believers, but it was not long before trouble broke out. It was hard enough to live the Christian life in an environment as complex as Corinth, but even harder when internal dissension broke out. Factions and in-fighting developed as people vied to be truer Christians than others. Dissension such as this casts a shadow over people's lives. Living with arguments and quarrels is like living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Paul has to write to the people and remind them to turn their gaze to the one person who really matters – Jesus Christ. It is this person, this name, this life that unites us. Let the darkness of our squabbling cease, and let us turn our eyes to the source of our joy, the Lord himself.



On the day Christ died, darkness covered the earth from the sixth hour until the ninth hour. The sun was blotted out, and the day became as black as night. But on Easter day the Son of God rose from the dead, and light returned to this earth. As Paul tells us, no clever philosophy could explain this or understand it. It is God's doing, and we, who live together in the darkness of this world, have experienced the coming again of the light of life.

Our world is dark enough. Everywhere on earth there is dissension and civil war. People turn against each other, shouting their slogans, waving their flags, and breathing death and destruction to the foe.

For the sake of justice and for the cause of peace, we cannot continue to live in the dark. Violence must not provoke us into wrongdoing or hostility with others. Paul tells us today – be united in your belief and in your practice. As the spiritual experience of eclipse and darkness might teach us – there is only one God, and we are all God's children.

*In the Light of Christ,*

*Fr. Bob*

**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**



# Parish School



## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

January 26 .....Catholic Schools Week Open House  
 January 29 ..... School Mass  
 March 28 ..... Spring Auction

## FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Greg Porod, Principal** (708) 352-4820 gporod@stcletusparish.com  
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### 6TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

How did social class affect daily life in ancient Egypt? Sixth grade students examined pictures that depicted the lives of government officials, priests, scribes, artisans, and peasants, then they brought the depictions to life through interactive dramatizations.

**Sunday, January 26th**  
**10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

# Open House

Join us to talk with teachers and administrators, and discover why St. Cletus School is the right choice for your family!



**St. Cletus School**  
 FAITH FAMILY FUTURE



### WINTER FUN

Preschoolers made snowmen using marshmallows and toothpicks as part of a STEM activity.



### SAFETY PRESENTATION

Students in grades K- 6 learned about safety on a bus and how it applies on field trips and in our cars on the way to school.



# St. Cletus School

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January 2020

As fellow parents, we know how important choosing a school is for our children. That is why we hope you will consider St. Cletus Catholic School for your child's education.

**Education**- We are a Blue Ribbon Award winning school for overall academic excellence and achievement. Beginning as early as preschool, your child will begin to receive a well-rounded education, allowing them to grow both intellectually and socially, with the help of a dedicated and highly qualified group of teachers and staff.

**Community**- From the staff, to the teachers, to the families of St Cletus, we support, encourage, and help one another. We believe your child and your whole family will feel this welcoming community atmosphere.

**Faith**- Most importantly, we are a school that is rooted in our faith in Christ and His teachings. We believe it is essential to help shape character and build integrity in students. That is why we are committed to daily prayer and praise to God in the classrooms, reading Bible stories and applying God's teaching, going to church together as a class once a week, celebrating school-wide Masses at least once a month, as well as many community service opportunities for the students to give back and help those in need.

Please call **(708) 352-4820** or visit us online at [stcletusschool.com](http://stcletusschool.com) to learn more about our wonderful school or to schedule a tour of the St. Cletus School.

Sincerely,  
St. Cletus school board and staff



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# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM Most needed at this time:

- Shelf stable milk (dry, canned, non-refrigerated)
- Kitchen wraps (foil, plastic, wax paper)
- Kitchen storage bags (zip lock, sandwich)
- Dish Soap
- Diapers size 5 & 6
- Baby Wipes

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

Follow us on facebook:  
@StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram:  
@St.CletusFoodPantry

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

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We loved having Brownie Troop 45268 from St. Mary's School in Riverside.

The girls helped us switch our decorations, make snowflakes and set up the pantry for distribution. A hardworking and fun group!



## 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 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 box to the right.*

*You are not alone.*



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

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**708.485.5254**

## RESPECT LIFE



### WORD OF LIFE

Abortion affects countless marriages, more than many people recognize. But God's grace can bring true healing in relationships. Learn more at [respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage](http://respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage) or find help via [goo.gl/XPyrMb](http://goo.gl/XPyrMb).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Healing Within Marriage from an Abortion"

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**Mary Kate Knorr**  
Executive Director  
Illinois Right to Life

**St. Francis Xavier**  
**124 N. Spring Avenue**  
**LaGrange, IL 60525**  
**February 19, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**

For more information,  
please call 708-352-0168.



## Youth Ministry

### ALPHA FOR TEENS

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

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

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

**1/26, 2/9, 2/16/ 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15**

Registration can be found on the Youth Ministry page on the St. Cletus Parish Website.

### KAIROS 35 RETREAT

March 12-15, 2020

*Sponsored by Saint John of the Cross Youth Ministry.*

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

Registration can be found on the Youth Ministry page on the St. Cletus Parish Website.



### FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT SALT & LIGHT!

February 28 & 29, 2020

Saint John of the Cross Parish Center

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

Registration can be found on the Youth Ministry page on the St. Cletus Parish Website.

Matthew 5:13-16




Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

## SALT & LIGHT


**Friday, February 28 - Saturday, February 29**

*Register Online Today!*

## Sunday Notes

JANUARY  
**26** 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*They left their nets and followed him.*  
MATTHEW 4:20



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### SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalms** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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### KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

—Chinese proverb

### CARRY THE LOAD

The chief thing is to take the burden on one's shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed.

—St. John Bosco

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: St. Angela Merici
- Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Friday: St. John Bosco
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### SAINT ANGELA MERICI (C. 1474-1540)

#### January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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### HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan



## Other Ministry News

### THANK YOU FROM MARLENE

Dear St Cletus parishioners,

On behalf of The Kolbe House Jail Ministry, the detainees and their families I'd like to thank you for your generous donation of stamps.

As you know they are used by the detainees to send Christmas Cards to their loved ones (one per detainee).

It is some small comfort for the incarcerated, at time of year that's is joyous for most us, and really appreciated.

You donated over \$600 in stamps.

Blessings - Marlene

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The next St. Cletus Holy Name Society Meeting will be held on Friday, January 31st at 8:00pm in the Parish Center.

Please join us.

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7 P.M. on February 11<sup>th</sup> in the Father Gallagher Room in the Parish Center. We will discuss The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See. For

those who want to look ahead...

April 14, 2020:

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

June 9, 2020:

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

All are welcome. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294

### SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL FEST



### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES

Join us on Friday, Feb. 7th in the St. Cletus Parish Center. Tony and Andrew will be back on Dueling Pianos for our Annual Fine Art Series Fundraiser.

Doors open at 7:30, Entertainment begins at 8pm. \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door includes beer, wine, snacks, and entertainment.

Check out our table in the Narthex next weekend, Feb. 1-2 for more information and tickets. You can also RSVP or purchase tickets on our website at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

### ST. CLETUS HEALTH, WELLNESS, FITNESS & SAFETY FAIR

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, February 9th, 7:30 am - 2:30 pm. St. Cletus Health, Wellness, Fitness & Safety Fair Do you know your numbers? Take the first steps to better health Come enjoy seven fun, interactive stations. IT'S ALL FREE!

## St. Cletus Health, Wellness, Fitness and Safety Fair

WHERE: St. Cletus Parish Center

WHEN: February 9th, 2020

TIME: 7:30AM-2:30PM



## Free Event Prizes Giveaways

A Valuable, Interactive Event

- Posture Makes Perfect: Restore Balance + Strength
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- All About CBD Oil
- Aging Care Connections - Senior Care
- Fire & Police Department Safety Tips
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Suzanne Gray, Owner of Right Fit LLC, Health and Fitness Professional

Carolyn Streit, CNHP -Holistic Health Coach

Jennifer Day, Dance Professional & Biometric Health Screener

Contact Information: Carolyn Streit

708.638.3849

[pathwaystowellness@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaystowellness@gmail.com)



## Other Ministry News Continued

### CCW BUNCO BASH

Come one come all to the Council of Catholic Women's Club Fundraiser BUNCO BASH to benefit our scholarship fund on Sunday, February 9th from 1 to 4 pm. in the Parish Center.

\$20 per person includes snacks, beverages, prizes and a fun-filled afternoon!

Don't know how to play Bunco? That's fine! Winning happens when you get to 21 points before anyone rolls a Bunco. How do they do it? Well, it might sound complicated but it's easy to catch on and we will have special "tutors" roaming around all afternoon!

So round up 3 folks and get your own table of four or come solo and we'll set you up with partners.

Tickets will be on sale in the narthex after all masses this weekend, January 25th and 26th and next, February 1st and 2nd. You can also order tickets by calling Peggy at 708-246-4308 or email [ccw@stcletusparish.com](mailto:ccw@stcletusparish.com). Looking forward to seeing you there!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

**CCW BUNCO BASH**

FEB. 9 1-4 P.M. | ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER

FOR JUST \$20 PER PERSON YOU'LL RECEIVE SNACKS,  
BEVERAGES, PRIZES AND A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON!

### ST. JOHN'S ABBEY REFLECTION

Non-believers sometimes criticize religion as a sugar-coating of reality, a cozy cup of hot chocolate or mulled wine on a cold night. Part of this stems from ignorance. They don't realize what uncomfortable stuff believers hear when they come together in church. In Isaiah 1, for instance, we hear criticism of insincere worship that is right up there with the most venomous critics of religion. Yahweh says: "Your new moons and festivals I detest; they weigh me down, I tire of the load. When you spread out your hands, I close my eyes to you; Though you pray the more, I will not listen." Similarly the harsh words of Jesus in Matthew 23, for instance, though originally addressed to his contemporaries, are in the Gospel to shake us up. There he criticizes hypocrisy, the gap between words and actions. He allows little space for self-deception or a false sense of security.

Where will most people hear this kind of realistic talk if

they are not regularly exposed to the Scriptures? From politicians? From a sit-com or full of empty gags? No. Both Jesus and Isaiah make us question any too-easy trust in attending Mass, observing holy days or saying set prayers. True prayer and worship, they tell us, has to lead to and be supported by justice toward the weak and wronged, compassion for the poor, the widow, the homeless, refugees and the abandoned. Hearing the word of God at Mass is no picnic! It's often more reminiscent of that awful tasting medicine you were given as a child. Religion and Scripture are "reality checks."

- Don Talafous OSB  
<https://saintjohnsabbey.org/>

### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

**Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

St. Cletus Parish Center

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



2020

ST. CLETUS *Spring Auction*

**VEGAS NIGHT**

WHERE THE SKY'S  
THE LIMIT

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

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

Please reach out to Sara Hodak to coordinate a donation at 708-207-4570 or at [auction@stcletusparish.com](mailto:auction@stcletusparish.com). Thank you in advance for your help!

# Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



DUELING PIANOS IN THE PARISH CENTER  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 7**

**8:00 PM**

RSVP ON ONLINE:  
[www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

FEATURING:  
TONY KIDONAKIS

TICKETS:  
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Thank you to our 2019 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest Major Sponsors. These businesses will be listed in our Parish Canticle for one year as preferred providers.



## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY



Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. All are welcome.

Upcoming Retreats:

March 14 & 15 \*Our Lady of the Angels, Hse. of Prayer, (Mt. Assisi Center Bldg.) 13820 Main St., Lemont (Near Cog Hill)

June 27 & 28 St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Pk., IL (near Harlem Ave. and 159th St.) No overnight available

For more information contact us at 708-354-7211, joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, www.joyfulagain.org.

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

**Film: True Justice**

**Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 PM**

This HBO feature documentary focuses on lawyer Bryan Stevenson's life and career – particularly his indictment of the criminal justice system for codifying modern systemic racism. (Stevenson is in the air- his life is also portrayed in the narrative film Just Mercy currently in theaters.) Discussion will follow the film. Cost: free will offering

**Art as a Contemplative Practice**

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 9:30 AM - noon**

Using a variety of mediums, we will explore the use of art as meditation, connecting our minds, bodies, and Spirit – allowing our souls to speak as we are drawn deeper into the Core of our True Self.



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

### TOWNSHIP OF LYONS

The Township of Lyons 6404 Joliet Rd Countryside Board of Trustees in conjunction with Jessie White, Secretary of State and Michael Frerichs, State Treasurer will hold Mobile ID and I-Cash on Thursday, February 6, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Renew your driver's license, obtain a state ID card, get your license plate renewal sticker, search for lost & forgotten cash. No reservations necessary...

Call Mike Porfirio, Clerk or George Pach, Deputy Clerk @ 708-482-8300 x 221 for more information.

### AMERICAN LEGION SPAGHETTI DINNER



Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Feb. 7 4-8pm at the Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion Post 1941, 51st & La Grange Rd. Adults \$10, Children 5-10 \$4, Under 5 Free. The Countryside Women's Club will also be hosting a Gift Basket

Raffle to benefit local scholarship funds.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Don't miss out on the upcoming marriage enrichments during February 2020 that starts with a private weekend experience and never ends! For more information wwme-chicagoland.org

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Charities Casino Night – February 15

YOU are invited to the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Charities Casino Night, which will be held on **Saturday, February 15**. The evening will include casino gaming (black jack, roulette, and craps), heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, music, a silent auction and grand raffle for 350+ guests. All are welcome! All proceeds from the Casino Night will benefit will directly benefit our Family Stabilization Services Department for the city of Chicago and surrounding communities in Cook and Lake Counties.

The Family Stabilization Services Department (FSSD) provides assistance to individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted by unplanned events such as domestic crisis, fire, unemployment, or relocation, or who for any reason are in need of emergency food and/or clothing.

13th Annual CHARITIES ROYALE CASINO NIGHT SATURDAY February 15, 2020 7:30 – 11:30pm Chicago Cultural Center: 78 E. Washington St. is one of the most fun and entertaining events in **Chicago**. **RSVP by February 8 ONLINE** [www.catholiccharities.net/casinonight](http://www.catholiccharities.net/casinonight)

#### BEDS PLUS SOUP AND BREAD EVENT

**JANUARY 26, 2020**  
3-7 pm • \$25 per person

Holiday Inn  
William Tell Banquets  
6201 Joliet Road, Countryside

Live Music • Craft Beer  
Great Local Food • Kids under 12 free

**BEDS PLUS**

[beds-plus.org](http://beds-plus.org) • 708-354-0858

#### TUTORING ENGLISH TO ADVANCE CHANGE

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

#### 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](http://www.stcletusparish.com) and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

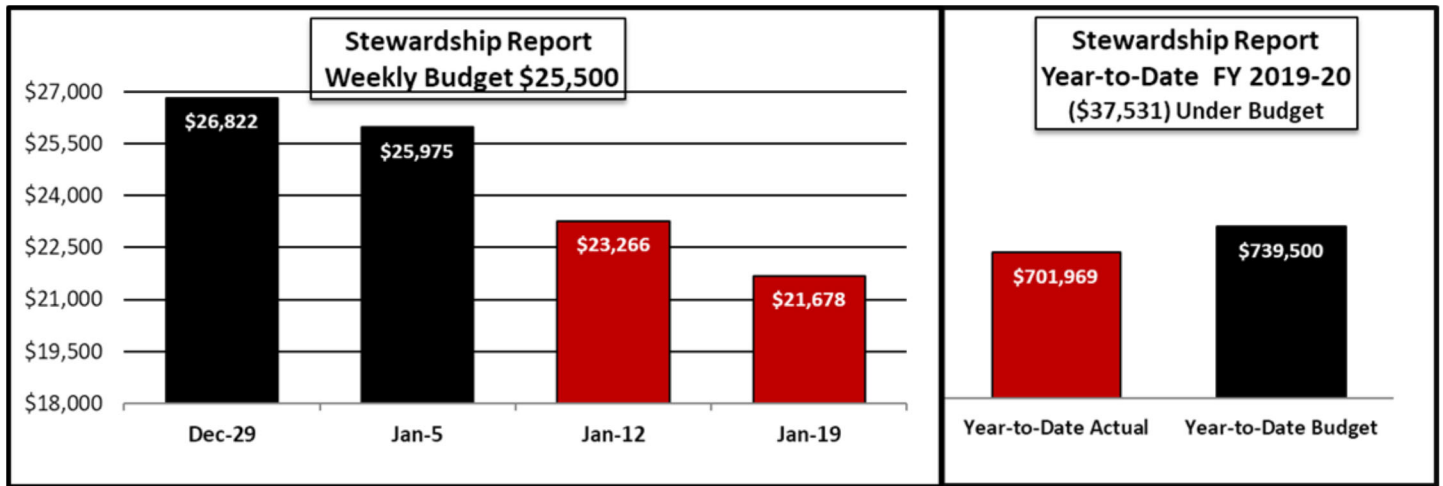
#### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 26	10:30am	School	Catholic Schools Week Open House
Monday, January 27	7:00pm 8:00pm	School Rm 98 Morrissey Hall	CREDO Psalms Bible Study Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 28	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Rectory Church Parish Center Mtg Room	RCIA Spanish Holy Hour SVDP Meeting
Wednesday, January 29	9:00am 10:30am 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Church Morrissey Hall	Mission Ladies School Mass Boys Church League
Thursday, January 30	5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Room Rectory Basement Morrissey Hall School Music Room	Children's Choir Rehearsal Food Pantry Distribution Boys Church League Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 31	8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, February 1	3:30pm 5:00pm	Parish Center Gym Narthex	Boys Church League Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Cabaret Ticket Sales
Sunday, February 2	7:00am	Narthex	Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Cabaret Ticket Sales

## Stewardship Report



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY




As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2019 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bkallal@stcletusparish.com) and submit your request electronically. Rather than mail statements to everyone in the parish, it seems more prudent and conservative to only mail them to those who need them for tax returns. Of course, your statement is available anytime a need for it may arise. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

Monday-Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening before Holy Day ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of most months at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

## WEDDINGS

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

## 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.

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

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