

ST. CLETUS CHURCH 600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE, IL

MARCH 1, 2020

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."**
— Matthew 4:10



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Prevenas
Tuesday	Fr. Barrett	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
Wednesday	Fr. Barrett	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Louise Callaghan, Richard Gomez
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Benny Thiesen
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	William Schaefer
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Frank Wojcik Jim Deslauriers, Stella & Felix Gembala, Dorothy Dybas
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Barrett Fr. Garcia	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Phillip Butkus, John & Frances Kennedy, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Dr. James Hannigan Stacy Baker, Special Intention - Mary Duckett Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Mark Walsh BC Collins, LaVergne Damico, Ken Herzog Maria Covarrubias Rodriguez, Martin Morales Morales

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER – FASTING - ALMSGIVING

Daily Mass – 8:00am

Stations of the Cross – 7:00pm on 3/6, 3/13, 4/3

Taizé – 7:00pm on 3/20

Living Stations – 7:00pm on 3/27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – after 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm on 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7

Parish Reconciliation Services

3/16 – 7:00pm at St. Cletus

3/24 – 7:00pm at St. Francis Xavier

Confessions - Saturdays – 4:15-4:45

CATHOLIC RESOURCES:

- loyolapress.com
- usccb.org
- dynamiccatholic.com/best lent-ever
- catholic.org
- livingwithchrist.us
- catholicity.com
- catholicscomehome.org

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

Victor Diforti

Edward Stec

Jerry Welenc

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 - Waclaw Berdysz, Joan Clark, Mary Duckett, Alice Dunkovich, Shirley Funk, Wayne Hamilton, Frank Niwa, Christine Wolosewicz

January - Joyce Arnold, Frank Colonna, John Collingwood, Jeanie Hills, Don King, Charles (Bud) Howe, Mark Radulski, Mary Ramirez, Rose Serrano, Mary Sheehan, Rachael Schopp Ludwig Stoiber, Joseph Gregory Stroude, Laura Terrazino, Grace Yamamoto, **December** - Hermelinda Nevar ez, Linda Stoinski, Judy Halvorson, Emily Malec, Gerda E. Dorso, Kim and Tony Fox, Deborah Krueger, Patricia Rodey, Michael Stoinski, Robert Stoinski, John Duda, Stella Fabian, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Rosario Martinez, Edward J McNamara, Jose Perez, Margaret Pirman, Daniella DeRivera, Leo & Gloria Rivera, Ann Scheer, Virginia Skibbe, Carol Witkowski

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

Notes from Fr. Bob...

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The newspapers are full of medical advice. We are told that too much fatty food leads to heart disease. We receive contradictory messages about the positive and negative effects of red wine or fizzy drinks. Many people try to watch their diet, eat five portions of vegetables or fruit each day, and do more exercise. People run with monitors attached to their wrist or use their phone to keep account of exercise, distance travelled, altitude climbed and their changing heart rate. Monitoring our physical health has become a full-time preoccupation and a growing industry. We know that when arteries become blocked, blood flow decreases and poor health follows.

Lent, in contrast, invites to focus our spiritual lives and keep track of the spiritual well-being of our heart. We can become more aware of the ways in which we are selfish, stubborn and concerned about ourselves rather than others. It is a time when we can learn how we are tempted and recognize that we sometimes feel unhappy and ashamed as a result of those petty, sinful ways that we tend to return to again and again.

The story of the Fall, which we heard in today's first reading, endlessly fascinates us because it is also the story of Everyman and Everywoman, of each one of us. At some points in our life we all face the possibility of a fall when we are tempted to "be like gods". It may occur through the betrayal of a person we love, through a lie that has serious effects, or a business practice that destroys other people for the advancement of our own career or for the sake of profit. Then we are like our first parents, Adam and Eve, who chose to go against God and to be satisfied by eating fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The story tells us that the serpent tempts Eve, who then tempts Adam. Both wish to be like gods and choose for themselves. The effects of sin bring about the downfall of others. The results are disastrous; the relationship with God is broken, their own relationship is damaged and they feel shame. They find it hard to look at each other. They will be expelled from the Garden of Eden, and will need to work for their living and experience the suffering of hard labor and toil.

Remarkably God does not forget them and is abundantly merciful to them, because God wants them to find a way back into God's love. In an ancient legend, Adam and Eve's third son, Seth, later returns to the gates of the garden and asks God's angel to help them. The angel gives Seth some seeds, one of which he places in the mouth of Adam as he lies dying. From this seed God will bring about the new Adam, Christ, who will be born of the Virgin Mary. He will be tempted but will conquer the devil. We receive the hope that we can do the same with God's grace. God is always planting new seeds in our

hearts.

The Lord forgives us when we return to him in the sacrament of reconciliation and our hearts are cleansed.

Lent is about the expansion of the heart so that it becomes more loving and generous. Just as the heart muscle benefits from exercise, so our spiritual heart benefits from Lenten observances and practices.

First, prayer opens the heart and helps us to listen to God's word. When we allow the word to echo in our hearts and to penetrate down into its depths, it will help us to grow in knowledge of God's mercy and love. Second, the invitation to fast expands our hearts so that we become more aware of the ways that we so often focus on satisfying our own needs and desires rather than being willing to open our hearts to our neighbor. Fasting can make us more grateful for what we have received and more generous to others in their need. Third, we can develop our Lenten exercises by giving to others, especially through almsgiving and charitable works. This exercise helps us to focus on the needs of our neighbor. By the end of Lent, with plenty of exercise, our spiritual heart will be in better shape and more ready to resist temptation and place its trust in God.

Lenten Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Bob

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**



Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

March 5 and 6 School Play
March 28 Spring Auction

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Greg Porod, Principal
(708) 352-4820
gporod@stcletusparish.com

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



SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations to Molly Banos, RJ Capiak (not pictured), Annaliese Dorchinecz, Maeve Zuber, and Maggie Zuber who were chosen as finalists among over 1,000 applicants for Representative Dan Lipinski's All-American Boy and Girl Awards. The awards recognize seventh and eighth grade students who demonstrate excellence in academics and community service.



ALUMNI PARENT PARTY

As an Pre-Auction tradition, some parents gathered to reminisce and appreciate how far St. Cletus has come! Party goers were asked to make some type of donation to our upcoming Spring Auction. Many good conversations were had, as well as a tour of our beautiful school!

HANDS-ON SCIENCE FIELD TRIP

The 7th Grade went on a field trip to explore the OT/PT department at Governor's State University. They were hands on with bones and human brains in the anatomy lab!



Saturday, March 28, 2020

6:00 p.m.

St. Cletus
Parish Center

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

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

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

Please reach out to Sara Hodak to coordinate a donation at 708-207-4570 or at auction@stcletusparish.com.

Thank you in advance for your help!



WINE CELLAR RAFFLE

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

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

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact us at eileendorch@gmail.com.

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

Most needed at this time:

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

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

Follow us on facebook:
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UNHEALTHY
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AFRAID IN YOUR
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24-HOUR PHONE
FOR HELP:
708.485.5254

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



Thank you to the St. Cletus Religious Education program for their generosity! The 5th graders helped organize the annual Good Neighbor Food Drive for our pantry. Students helped collection donations, check dates, sort, organize, and carry donations over to the pantry. They had great questions about how the pantry operates and how they can be more involved! Thank you.

LENTEN OUTREACH



CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offer opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for our parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live our

Gospel call to seek those in distress and help those in need. Please pick up a Rice Bowl as you leave church today. We will collect them on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

AREA PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY

Lenten Small Faith Group on Issues of Catholic Social Teaching

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

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

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

RSVP: Judy Kennedy jkennedy1333@ameritech.net

RESPECT LIFE



WORD OF LIFE

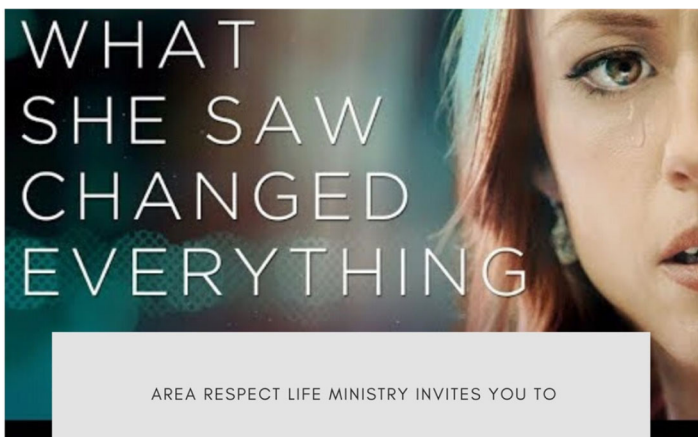
"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

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

'UNPLANNED' FILM SCREENING

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

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



AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO

Unplanned

A FREE FILM SCREENING EVENT

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

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

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

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



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

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

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

Contact Dave Gardner at dgardner@catholiccharities.net for tickets and more information.

HELPING HANDS DINNER & AUCTION MARCH 21

The Southwest Regional Advisory Board presents the 22nd Annual Helping Hands Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, and benefits Catholic Charities programs that provide comprehensive services to the poor and disadvantaged in the Southwest suburbs. Reservations are \$75 per person, and sponsorships are available! Please call Christopher Torres at 708-430-0428 with any questions.

YOUTH MENTORING OPEN HOUSE MARCH 4 AND APRIL 15

Learn more about volunteering with Catholic Charities Lake County Youth Mentorship Program on March 4 or April 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 671 S. Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. Enjoy light refreshments and talk to current adult mentors about their experiences working with youth ages 9-12. Youth who participate in the program learn how to set goals, develop new hobbies, and improve self-confidence. For more information, visit www.catholiccharities.net/youthmentoring or contact Beth Sheehan-Lucas at 847-782-4224.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY



VOLUNTEER

GREATER CHICAGO -FOOD- DEPOSITORY

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

Our money goes much further at the food depository!

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

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

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

Religious Education

GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT



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

Thank you to all of our families who brought in bag of food and helped out at our Good Neighbor Food Drive.



A LOOK AHEAD...

March 1 & 2

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

March 8 & 9

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

March 15 & 16

Regular RE Classes in Session, 5th Grade Classes on **Sunday Morning** and **Monday Evening** present the Living Stations of the Cross. Special Needs meets in PC

March 22 & 23, and March 29 & 30

NO Classes due to Spring Break

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

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

All aboard for summer fun at Rocky Railway VBS!

When: June 22-26, 2020

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Where: Morrissey Hall

How to register:

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

Age of kids in VBS:

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

Can I volunteer?

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

Youth Ministry

ALPHA FOR TEENS



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

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

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

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

KAIROS 35 RETREAT



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

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

connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE RETREAT SALT & LIGHT!



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

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

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

REGISTRATION

Registration for these programs can be found on the Youth Ministry page on the St. Cletus Parish Website, youth.stcletusparish.com. Questions? Contact MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at mzurowski@stcletusparish.com.

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WATRA Church Goods

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.

Sunday Notes



STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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TEMPTATION

Every conquered temptation represents a new fund of moral energy. Every trial endured and weathered in the right spirit makes a soul nobler and stronger than it was before.

—William Butler Yeats

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
 Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
 Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
 Wednesday: St. Casimir
 Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence; First Friday
 Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

March 3

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a “gift on loan” to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, “My child, why not become a missionary yourself?” Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized “Mother Drexel,” praising her “excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics.”

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PRAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

—William McGill

Other Ministry News

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society Meeting will be Friday, March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Fr. Gallagher Room of the Parish Center. We will be discussing the upcoming pancake breakfast and Jim Matthews will give a talk about local libraries.

CREDO

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Author and renowned speaker, Deacon Keith Strohm is coming to the St. Cletus Parish Center. Together, he will share how much you – yes you! – are loved by our Heavenly Father in his talk, “Called to be Sons & Daughters.”



GIRL SCOUTS



GIRL SCOUT MASS

The Girl Scout Mass will be celebrated on March 7, 2020 at 5pm mass at St. Cletus Church. Please have girls checked in and seated in their grades marked pew by 4:50pm. We are asking all girls to

bring an item for the food pantry and wear their vest/sash.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Get your Girl Scout cookies! TAGALONGS, DO-SI-DOS, THIN MINTS and more!

The St. Cletus 6th-Grade Girl Scout Troop is selling cookies after all masses March 7th & 8th in the Narthex!

\$5 per box. Thank you for your support!

SCCCW DAY OF REFLECTION MARCH 21



Ladies of St. Cletus parish, do you want to do something special during Lent to bring your spirituality and sense of community to life? Then come to our day of reflection sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women!

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 FROM 8AM-2PM

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

Details about the day of reflection:

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

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

Phone: call Pat 708-205-9678

Email: ccw@stcletusparish.com or patriciamclamore@gmail.com



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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED MINISTRY



For Widowed Men & Women

Feeling stuck? Need something? There will be a retreat/workshop for widowed men & women on March 14 & 15 at Our Lady of The Angels, (Mt. Assisi Center Bldg.) 13820 Main St., Lemont, IL Overnight available. To register call: 708-354-7211 or email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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

Contemplative Music and Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé Wednesdays, Mar 11 and 25, 7-8 PM

These ecumenical evenings of music and chant composed by Jack Crowe will include periods of silent contemplation. We will explore different faith traditions including Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism which use silence as a foundation for acting in the world. Cost: free will offering, suggested range \$10-20.



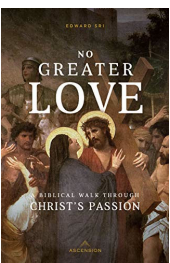
The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. A Member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission. Network. www.csjthewell.org 708-482-5048

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



Do you know a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Township, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others? If so, talk with them about this special honor and ask them if they are comfortable with you nominating them. If they are, please complete the Aging Care Connections Community Gems nomination form, including a digital headshot of the honoree, and send it to communitygems@agingcareconnections.org. Please submit nominations by 3/2.

ROSARY HILL BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT



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

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program will be held on Monday nights beginning, Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. Cost of Study Pack is \$30.00 and includes workbook, book and on-line viewing access with purchase of

Study Pack. For more information or to register, contact Sharon at Rosary Hill Home (708) 458-3040 or email Sharon@rosaryhillhome.com.

ENGLISH LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center! Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop: Friday, March 13th (6-9pm) and Saturday, March 14th (9am-4pm). Register in advance and attend both days to begin tutoring.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org or (773) 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

PLYMOUTH PLACE PRAYER BREAKFAST

All are invited to a Community Prayer Breakfast hosted at Plymouth Place Senior Living.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

8:00AM - Fellowship & Breakfast

8:30AM - Prayer Service

The Community Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for the greater community to come together to celebrate our strengths and resources through our spirituality. We hope you will join Plymouth Place and La Grange Park community leaders for a morning of refreshments, prayer, music, and fellowship. Please be our guest and bring a friend – all are welcome at this inter-faith community event and there is no charge.

Please be sure to RSVP by Monday, March 9th to Kathy Harris, Director of Community Relations, via email at kharris@plymouthplace.org or phone at 708-482-6840.

Plymouth Place Senior Living 315 North La Grange Road La Grange Park, IL .

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY!

Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski 708.352.6209

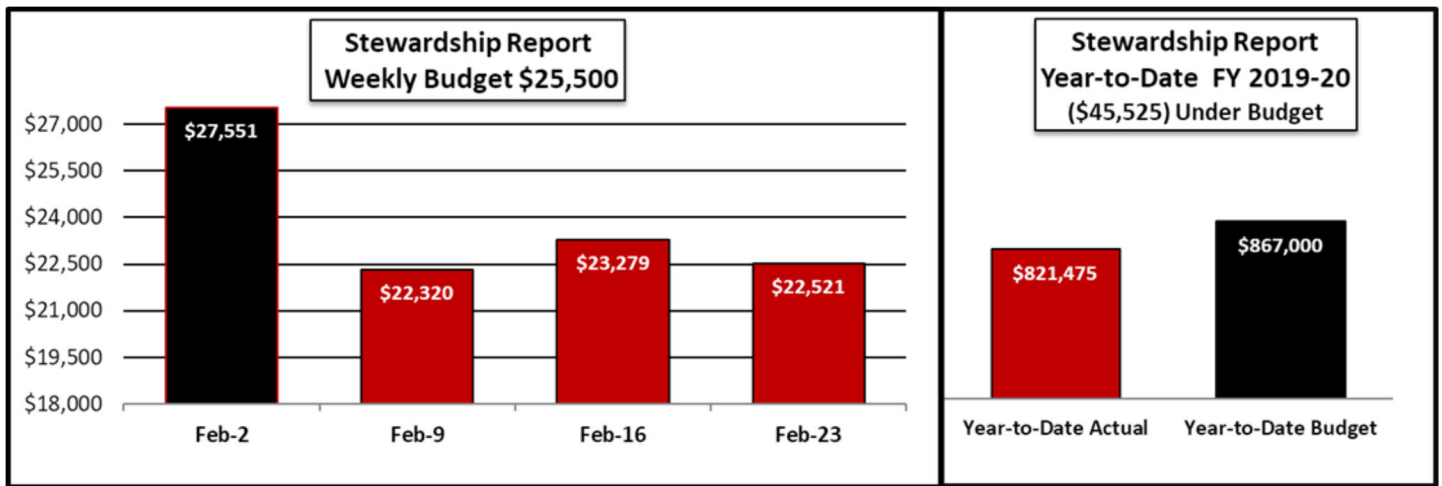
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 1	7:00am	Narthex	Distribution of Rice Bowls
Monday, March 2	4:00pm 7:00pm	School Music Room School Rm 98	Junior Choir Rehearsal CREDO Psalms Bible Study
Tuesday, March 3	7:00pm 7:00pm	Rectory Church	RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 4	7:00pm 7:00pm	Morrissey Hall School Rm 213	Boys Church League FSA
Thursday, March 5	2:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Church Rectory Basement Parish Center	School Stations of the Cross Food Pantry Distribution School Play
Friday, March 6	4:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Parish Center Church School Rm 98	School Play School Play Stations of the Cross Holy Name Society
Saturday, March 7	5:00pm 5:00pm	Church Narthex	Girl Scout Mass Welcome Committee
Sunday, March 8	7:00am	Narthex	Welcome Committee

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 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

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 School(708) 352-4820
 www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

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

STAFF

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Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor
Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, Deacon Couple

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PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement

St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.

Vision Statement

We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

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