



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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You are invited to our Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 31st from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

- ❖ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ❖ Half-day and Full-day Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- ❖ Half-day and Full-day Kindergarten
- ❖ Extended Care
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Mass Intentions for the Week of February 1 — February 7, 2016

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Grace Copp
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Betty Niwa
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Karen Gorak, Lourdes Pacheco
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Laura Murphy
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present Mary Lombardo, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Henryk Cizobka
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Ngwila	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Mark Callaghan, Josephine and Anton Kutchtta, George Duda Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family, Ethal Maveety and Family Albert Dybicz, Bernard J. Hennessy, Christopher McQuillan Dcn. Walter Klimcke, Zofia Pawula, Burgman and Ingrisano Families St. Cletus Parishioners



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday is February 10, 2016

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

Prayer Service: 3:30 p.m.

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

Julie Kerrigan

Daughter of Mary Rose Seifert
Sister of Diane Hill

May she rest in peace. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, February 2, and every first Tuesday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction. Hispanic Adoration continues from 7-8 p.m.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday the week before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS NEXT WEEKEND

Registration is available next weekend after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

MASS OF ANOINTING

On Saturday, February 13th this most Holy Sacrament will be offered for the sick of the parish and community at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. If you plan on attending please email Deacon Stuart at shey@stcletusparish.com, leave a message at (708) 215-5407, or a note at the rectory.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Julianne Hausknecht, Jen Trenkamp, Cynthia Cozen, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Patricia Niwa, Allie DeRivera, Don King, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Alexandra DeRivera, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Peter D. Rivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, Dave McCoy, LaVerne Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

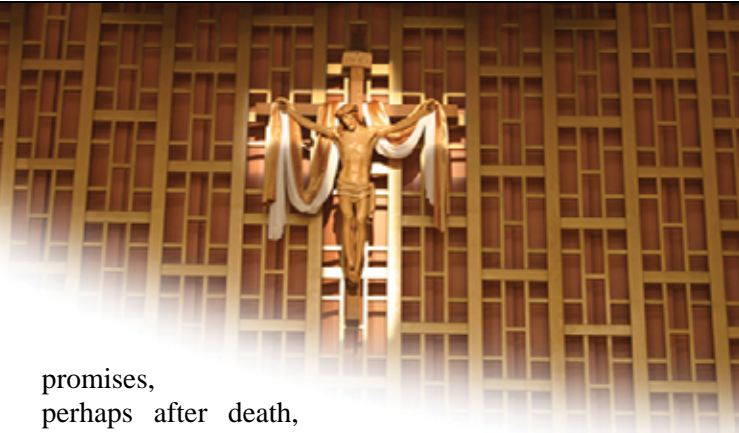
When Jesus spoke to his fellow Nazarenes in the synagogue, they were initially impressed with his words. That is because he began by offering them what they already knew – he began by pointing out the beauty they were already familiar with. He quoted the prophet Isaiah – recalling God’s promise of setting free the captive and oppressed, of giving new sight to the blind, and bringing good news to the poor. They approved of his words, because they knew they were addressed to them. They regarded themselves as the poor in need of hearing good news; they saw themselves as the captives and the downtrodden, who needed to be freed from the oppression of Roman rule. They approved when Jesus spoke to them of God’s promise to set them free.

But then Jesus introduced a new element, and the import of what he was saying began to sink in to them. Jesus challenged them to see that this wasn’t just a promise for the future, but that it was being fulfilled today – through him. Jesus was identifying himself as the one anointed by God’s spirit to set his people free. And they didn’t like this new thing he spoke. “Who does he think he is? We know him – he’s just the carpenter’s son.” Familiarity breeds contempt.

And Jesus stretched them further by introducing another new element – the thought that God’s love might not be exclusively for them. He offered the vision of God seeking to set free all people – Jew and Gentile alike. He proclaimed a year of favor which extended to all nations – perhaps even to the hated Romans – just as in ancient times God had shown his mercy to Naaman and the foreign widow. Jesus asked them to look again at God’s promises and see them afresh, that they were directed to all who are poor and need good news, to all who are blind, oppressed and in need of liberation. And in so doing, he asked them to see these outsiders, these foreign nations, no longer as enemies, as pagans, idolaters, inferior, but as beloved by God, just as they were themselves.

They resisted the picture Jesus painted for them, they rejected his vision of reality, and they were so threatened by his message that they sought to kill him. Eventually, of course, they would.

Like the Nazarenes, we can refuse to believe that “this text is being fulfilled today.” We can live our lives looking always to the future for God to fulfill his



promises,
perhaps after death,
but not today, not now. Jesus is quite insistent: these things can happen today, if we allow God to work in us. Jesus challenges us to look again at our own lives, our relationships, our work, our daily struggles and joys, and to see in them the presence and beauty of God.

And part of the new vision of reality which Jesus invites us to see is that we are all brothers and sisters of each other, loved by God who is the Father of us all. We have no reason for excluding others, the foreigner, the migrant, the person of different faith, sexual orientation, race, color, or class. It is so easy for us to restrict our love to our own, and to imagine that God does the same. The new vision Jesus offers is of the human race liberated by the Father’s love, grace, united, set free. May God give us the new sight to be able to believe that God can do these things – today – and that he wishes to do them for all humanity.

Grateful Prayers and Blessings Always,



*Fr. Bob
Pastor*

MASS FOR ST. CLETUS PARISH

In gratitude for St. Cletus’s generous participation in the offering of the Re-discover Jesus books, the Dynamic Catholic Ministry team, headed by Matthew Kelly, will celebrate a Mass for our parish on Feb. 2nd at their Chapel.

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Shop with Scrip Cash and Carry February 13-14
 8th Grade Confirmation February 20
 St. Cletus School Spring Auction..... March 5

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

Jolene Hillgoth, President **Lauren Lewandowski, Principal**
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 jhillgoth@stcletusparish.com llewandowski@stcletusparish.com

The Lion King Jr.

This year's St. Cletus Junior High production of the "The Lion King Jr." is underway. We are very excited to announce that the cast and crew have been set, the parent leaders have been established and we have already had a handful of rehearsals. There is a great anticipation amongst the students for this year's show. The Lion King features wonderful lessons in responsibility, friendship and overcoming adversity. We look forward to sharing the final product with the community on Wednesday, April 27 @ 4pm and Thursday, April 28 @ 7pm. Tickets will be available for purchase within the coming months.



7th Grade Retreat

On January 21st, the 7th grade participated in the "You Are the Light of the World" retreat at Nazareth Academy where students were involved in a multitude of activities including: discussions, games, and assembling personal hygiene kits for a service project. The retreat concluded with a prayer service and candle lighting ceremony.



Pastoral Care Ministry

MASS OF ANOINTING

Saturday, Feb 13th - Mass of Anointing @ 11:00 a.m.

This most Holy Sacrament will be offered for the sick of the parish and community. All are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be provided after the mass - if you plan on attending please email Deacon Stuart @ sheyes@stcletusparish.com, leave a message at (708) 215-5407, or a note at the rectory.

Peace, Blessings and a Very Healthy New Year to all,

- Dcn. Stuart

THANK YOU FROM KOLBE HOUSE COOK COUNTY JAIL MINISTRY

St. Cletus did it again!!!

Thank You so much on behalf of the detainees and their families at Cook County Jail for the gift of stamps for their Christmas card mailings. Your donations provided over 10% of the 7000 stamps that were needed. This community of St. Cletus is very special and Stuart and I are very blessed to be a part of it.

Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2016.

- Marlene Heyes

PS - Stamps are appreciated throughout the year but particularly in Advent for Christmas.

Religious Education

MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU

With those words, 106 children from our parish celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, Saturday, Jan. 23rd.

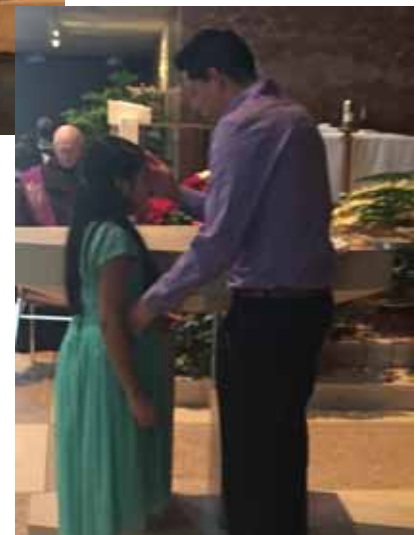
Fr. Lorenzo, along with 5 other priests who were the Confessors, gently assisted the children in this experience of forgiveness.

There was an opening prayer service and time for personal reflection. After each child received the sacrament, his/her parents met them at the Baptismal font and blessed them, recalling this is where their journey of faith began. Parents were also invited to celebrate the sacrament after the children. It was an opportunity for the children to witness that their parents value the importance of the sacrament and the need we all have for the peace that the sacrament offers.

CONFIRMATION IS COMING

On Saturday, February 20th, Bishop Manz will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on 85 young people of our parish. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they are entering this phase of their preparations. They have chosen a Saint to emulate, done acts of service, made a retreat, participated in class discussions and activities, selected and met with a sponsor-mentor, and written a letter to the pastor of their desire to be confirmed. Hopefully, all of these steps are indicative of a lifelong commitment to follow Jesus.

“Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth and kindle in us the fire of your love ” – a mantra we all can pray.



Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Canned beans
- Tuna
- Canned/dry milk
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Pasta sauce, canned tomatoes
- Cereal

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

FOOD PANTRY THANKS

Our January distribution reached 95 households (208 adults and 162 children). We were fortunate to host a mini health fair during the distribution. We had representatives from:

- **Community Nurse Health Center** provided information on signing up for the Affordable Care Act and answered healthcare questions.
- **Lions Club** worked with clients by providing vouchers for vision screening appointments and assistance with covering the cost of eye glasses.
- **Plymouth Place** nurse gave blood pressure screenings and information on improving your health.

Thank you for the generous time and talent offered by our community partners!



Lydia from Community Nurse providing information on health insurance



Lyons Club members helping clients get appointments for vision screenings

LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT



Service Opportunities: We are in need of some helping hands in assembling and distributing the rice bowls to be used in this year's parish Lenten Almsgiving Project, which will support Catholic Relief Service's humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

Assemble Rice Bowls

Tuesday, February 2nd, from 3:15-5:15 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Students must be in at least 6th grade to participate. Adults of all ages welcomed! This project will take place in St. Cletus Education Building-Room 213

Distribute Rice Bowls

Weekend Masses on Saturday, February 6 and Sunday, February 7

All ages welcome.

Please sign up for a Volunteer Session and/or Mass timeslot with Kendall. Thank you for your help!



Sue from Plymouth Place providing blood pressure screenings

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

How to Fortify Your Job Search Tactics: Please join us on Thursday, February 4 from 7-9 pm for an evening with Mike Vogel, Director of Sales, Agency Relations, with Indeed.com. Mike trains business clients with indeed.com to develop new strategies to attract the future innovators they need to take their business to new levels. Mike will share ideas on utilizing LinkedIn, Indeed, Glassdoor and other sites to improve your chances in the ever-evolving job market. Take this opportunity to learn from an industry professional that develops innovative recruitment strategies for companies how to improve your job search strategies This meeting will be in the St. Cletus School Building, Room 201. Look for the ICN sign outside and use the flag pole entrance. *(Continued on next page)*

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

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

ICN CONTINUED

Career Transition Boot Camp: Week 3: Tuesday, February 2, 7-9 pm – our speaker, Dennis Hamilton, will help you craft that all important “Elevator Speech”. Join us for one or all of the remaining consecutive Tuesday sessions and gain new skills that will help you land a new position. This meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland. Please enter on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Free Resume Review: Plan to join us on Saturday, February 6 from 9-11 am. Come in for a helpful 20-minute one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional, for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. This is a terrific opportunity. We hope to see you at the St. Cletus School Building, Room 201, 700 W. 55th Street in La Grange. Look for the ICN sign outside and use the flag pole entrance.

These meetings are open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. For further information, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thank you notes are still coming in from our Advent Giving Tree. Here are a few more to share with you...



- May God bless you with love, hope & kindness. Thanks so much for helping us. We appreciate your help. You don't know how much we do. Thanks again and again.
- I really do appreciate all the food. Thanks for helping my family out. Thanks for your kindness. God will be proud. Again, I really do appreciate the food.
- Thank you St. Cletus for helping my family during hard times this Christmas. We appreciate the food and the gifts. A million thanks for all you do.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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 on the far left.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, JANUARY 31



Rave reviews greeted Jesus' first hometown homily proclaiming a year of God's mercy, but the mood turned violent when he went on to declare that God's mercy embraces outsiders; it rejects distinctions between citizen and foreigner, acceptable and unworthy, even sinner and saint. Far from being anyone's personal possession, God's kingdom is open to everyone, God's love unconditional, God's mercy boundless. By this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, Pope Francis repeats Jesus' challenge in today's Gospel to broaden our horizons until our vision matches Jesus' vision of every sinner as a potential saint, and each suffering stranger as our neighbor. Jesus, says Pope Francis, continually went beyond the law, keeping company with public sinners and even sharing meals with them to demonstrate that God's mercy is “the beating heart of the Gospel” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12). To be truly Jesus' disciples, such unconditional love and boundless mercy must also be at the center of all we say and do.

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A YEAR OF MERCY

Welcome THE STRANGER

In his mercy, the Word became flesh and came among us. *He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.* (John 1:11) He was a stranger among them. Now we receive the stranger, and we welcome Jesus. *You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.* (Ephesians 2:19)



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ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Youth Ministry

MINISTRY FAIR

The weekend of February 13-14, there will be a parish Ministry Fair after each Mass. Come by and visit the Youth Ministry table to learn more about opportunities for involvement! If you are interested in helping out with the Youth Ministry table, contact Elizabeth!

GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

If you are interested in playing basketball with the Church League, now is your chance! The girls' season will begin after Spring Break. Practices are minimal and games will go through the beginning of May. The fee is \$85, and the registration info can be found on the Youth Ministry page. Coaches are needed to make this possible! Please contact Elizabeth Tomasek if you are interested.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

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Room 213 on Tuesday, February 2nd, from 3:15-5:15 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM (if needed). Contact Kendall Grant at kgrant@stcletusparish.com.

MISSION TRIP 2016

The Mission Trip planning is underway for the summer of 2016. St. Cletus will again be taking a group of teens who have completed at least one year of high school through the Young Neighbors in Action service experience the week of July 10th-16th to Detroit, MI. YNIA offers teens a way to grow in faith and join in prayer while also participating in mission and serving those in need. This year's theme is taken from Amos 5:24, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Registration is open now through January 22nd or until all spots are taken. For more information regarding cost and for registration, please visit the St. Cletus website. Meetings for team building, mission formation, and fundraising plans will begin this winter. **Adult chaperones are needed** to make this possible!

Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

Other Ministry Notes

LEISURE LOAFERS - FEB. 4

February Meeting will be on Thursday, February 4, 2016. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Morrissey Hall.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - FEB. 5

Our next Holy Name Meeting will be held on Friday, February 5th at 8:00 p.m. We will discuss the Pancake Breakfast which will be held on March 20th in St. Cletus School Room 98.



The 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass Crew is looking for ushers and anyone interested in bringing up gifts at offertory. If interested, please see a 5:00 p.m. usher. Thank you!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS



On the weekend of February 13-14th, the PPC will host a Ministry Fair in Morrissey Hall where every ministry in the parish will be on display.

Members will be available to describe their work and answer questions.

BOOK CLUB - FEB. 9

The St. Cletus Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the school. We will be discussing the book, "Outer Banks", by Anne Rivers Siddons.



All interested participants are always welcome!

SPRING AUCTION

Tickets and Sponsorship info available on our website:



Respect Life Ministry

WORD OF LIFE



“Each of us has his or her own personal identity and is capable of entering into dialogue with others and with God himself.”

— Pope Francis, Laudato Si, no. 81 © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. (www.goo.gl/UBwd3B)

MARCH FOR LIFE SEND OFF

St. Cletus Parish hosted the Chicago Archdiocesan "March For Life" send-off Rally and Prayer Service last Wednesday evening, January 20th. Over 250 pilgrims (mostly high school youth, Priests, Sisters, & adult chaperones) celebrated inside as 5 charter Tri-State Buses waited in our parking lot to take them to Washington D.C. for the Annual National March For Life down Constitutional Avenue. It was quite an inspirational event. The Promise of the Pro-Life Youth is indeed our hope!



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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

And now these three remain:
Faith, Hope, Love
but the greatest of these is
Love

1 Cor 13:13

THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar;
Blessing of Throats
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions;
First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

For the first four centuries or so, there seems not to have been a sense of marriage as a church institution. Christians followed civil law, which kept the wedding in a family setting. Bishops wanted people to be good citizens insofar as possible, and so they recognized the government's role in marriage. In general, they expected Christians to know that marriage was good, that marriage to other Christians was best, and to take it easy on the wild wedding parties. They agreed that marriage was a divine institution, that Christ blessed it especially, and they loved referring to the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Still, even when Christianity became the official religion of the empire in 380, marriage remained a family matter.

On wedding days people gathered in the bride's house, where the father would "give her hand" to her husband, draping a garland of flowers over the couple. There were no official words to say, there was no blessing to be given. Everyone walked in procession to the bride's new home for the concluding rites and the feast. In the Eastern Empire, it soon became customary to invite a priest or bishop to give a blessing at the meal or the day before. It was a nice thing to do, completely optional, but had a "photo-op" feel to it that was widely emulated. Before long, at least in the East, it looked as if the priest were joining the couple in marriage and blessing the union.

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A FORETASTE

Faith is the foretaste of that knowledge which hereafter will make us happy.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Stewardship Report

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the people of our parish for the wonderful outpouring of the spirit of giving this Christmas season. Thank you for your extremely generous financial support of \$211,000 and your abundance of gifts that were presented to those less fortunate through our Giving Tree Program. The commitment of our parish to the needs of all God's people is inspiring and speaks to the gospel in action.

I personally want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to the work of the Lord and may Christ shower each of you with abundant blessings for your spirit of generosity and love.

Continue to Light Our World with Peace,

Fr. Bob
Pastor

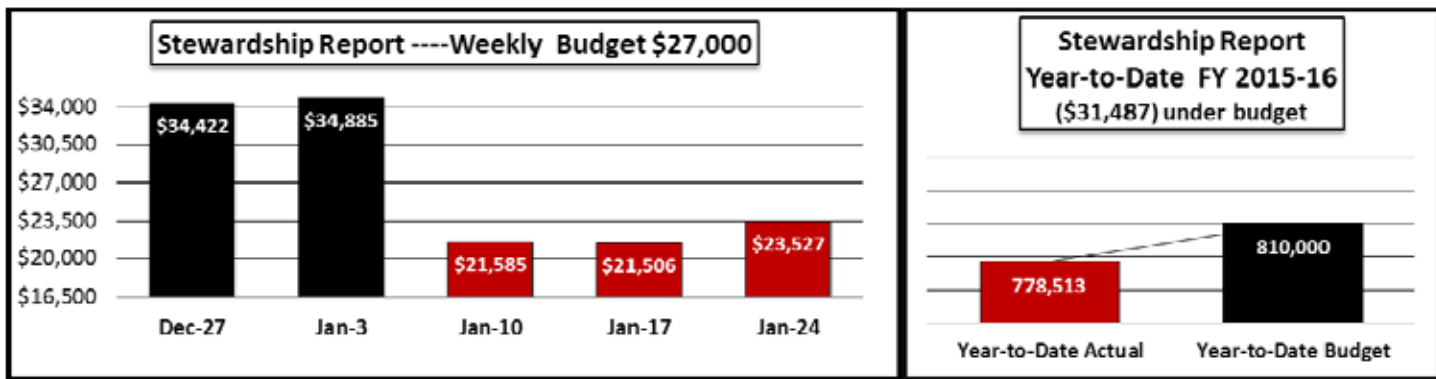
ST. CLETUS ONLINE GIVING... DONATIONS MADE EASY

We encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Donate button and register using your checking account, debit card or credit card.



Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski in the parish rectory, (708) 352-6209.

WEEKLY 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 2015 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory @ (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 # _____

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN MINISTRY RETREAT



**Widowed Men & Women -
Looking for a way to become joyful again?**

There will be a retreat/workshop **March 5 & 6**, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus). An additional program will be held April 9 & 10 in Desplaines. Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed to help the widowed find hope & joy again.

Space limited – register early. Phone: 708-354-7211, joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Volunteer Program seeks single, Catholic women 21+ years of age to give long-term volunteer service of 3-12 months sharing faith community and serving alongside Sisters in a wide variety of ministries. Contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC at connie.ss@att.net or visit phjcvolprogram.org.



"MINDFUL HEARTS" RESEARCH STUDY FOR WOMEN VETERANS



We are examining the effectiveness of an eight week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction program in reducing stress and improving cardiovascular disease risk in women Veterans. All classes take place at the Hines VA. Participants provided a stipend for time and travel. Please call 708-202-7218 for more information.

VOCATIONS - WWW.CHICAGOPRIEST.COM

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, Contact Father Francis Bitterman (312)534-8298, fbitterman@archchicago.org

SCHOOL & TUTORS ON WHEELS TRAINING

School and Tutors on Wheels is hosting a training for ESL tutors (for adult students) on February 20th and February 27th, 2016.

If you are interested in becoming a one-on-one tutor, please call Jeanie at 630-217-0396 or Kathy at 630-248-9594.

ERIN POTTS INVITATION FEB 5-7



The 7th Annual Erin Potts Invitational Volleyball Tournament will be held in Morrissey Hall Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7 to support an important cause, Cancer Awareness. Everyone is invited to stop by the tournament, support the raffles and concessions, and catch some great volleyball.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT AT ST. MARYS

Shroud of Turin Exhibit will be at St. Mary Catholic Church, Oak Room, 126 Herrick Road, Riverside, IL.

Sat, Feb. 20: 8 am – 7 pm Sun, Feb 21: 7:30 am – 7 pm
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Ketteler Council 1628.

MID-LIFE SINGLES RETREAT

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on March 4-6, 2016. Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

ROBERT E. COULTER, JR. POST 1941 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Friday, February 12, 2016
4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**



What a deal! There will be spaghetti with meatballs or marinara sauce, tossed salad, bread, and dessert. Adults \$9.00, Children 5-10 \$4.00, Children under 3 are free. Open to the public and plenty of Free Parking & Handicapped Accessible

GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP SESSIONS

This six (6) session course is open to anyone dealing with Grief and Loss. The group session meets from 2-3:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month: Feb. 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20. Topics include: Understanding and Coping with Grief and Loss, Complicated Grief, Grief or Depression, and Healing Tools. Sharp Community Center, 1609 N 36th Ave, Melrose Park. For more information, contact Mattie Stevenson at 708-354-1323, ext. 231

Week At A Glance

C...Church **S...School (Education Building)** **Narthex...Church Vestibule** **RB...Rectory Basement** **MH...Morrissey Hall**

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 31	9:30am 10:30am	Church School	Catholic Schools Week Mass Catholic Schools Week Open House
Monday, February 1	4:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Room MH	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Church League Basketball
Tuesday, February 2	8:30am 3:00pm 6:15pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Church S Rm 213 Church Rectory Church S Rm 202 MH	Adoration and Benediction CRS Rice Bowl Assembly Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction RCIA Hispanic Adoration Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group Boys Church League Basketball
Wednesday, February 3	9:00am 9:00pm	RB MH	Mission Ladies Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, February 4	10:00am 1:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm 9:00pm	Church MH S Music Rm S Rm 201 S Music Rm MH	School Mass Leisure Loafers Children's Choir Rehearsal ICN Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, February 5	3:00pm 8:00pm	MH S Rm 98	Erin Pott's Volleyball Invitational Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, February 6	8:00am 8:00am 5:00pm 5:00pm	MH S Rm 201 Narthex Narthex	Erin Pott's Volleyball Invitational ICN Resume Review Welcome Committee Operation Rice Bowl Distribution
Sunday, February 7	All Masses All Masses 1:00pm	Narthex Narthex MH	Welcome Committee Operation Rice Bowl Distribution Erin Pott's Volleyball Invitational

We are Called

TIME TALENT TREASURE

MINISTRY FAIR 2016

February 13-14th

The weekend of Feb 13-14 the Parish Pastoral Council will host a Ministry Fair in Morrissey Hall where every ministry in the parish will be on display.

Ministry Members - please make sure to have materials and volunteers for your table.

All Parishioners - We hope you will visit the ministry fair after masses and find how you are being called in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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Español (708) 215-5440

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Day: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30 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.

HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

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*

Rev. Ron Anglim, *Weekend Associate*

Rev. Mr. Jesús & Silvia Casas, *Deacon Couple*

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