

# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

**God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**

— John 3:17



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.  
~ John 12:24

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## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- MAR. 20 6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Spanish Holy Hour
- MAR. 22 7pm Living Stations of the Cross
- MAR. 25 8am Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast  
CCW Bake Sale, YM Fannie May Sale, Vocations  
4pm Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Concert



## Mass Intentions for the Week of March 19 - March 24, 2018

| Day       | Presider<br>(subject to change)                                 | Time  | Intentions   |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| Monday    | Fr. Fisher  | 8:00 a.m.   | Joseph & Kay Klemak  |
| Tuesday   | Fr. Baker   | 8:00 a.m.   | Peter Kujawa   |
| Wednesday | Fr. Fisher  | 8:00 a.m.   | Virginia Rachford, Wayne Kral  |
| Thursday  | Fr. Fisher  | 8:00 a.m.   | John Cooper  |
| Friday    | Fr. Gamboa  | 8:00 a.m.   | Delphine Marciszewski  |
| Saturday  | Fr. Fisher<br>Fr. Fisher  | 8:00 a.m.<br>5:00 p.m.  | Frank Wojcik<br>Harry Brown, Jeanne Horan, Dennis Gabriel, Benjamin Patrick Hyink,<br>Georgia Popp, Ken Kakareka, Elwyn Seifert  |
| Sunday    | Fr. Fisher<br>Fr. Baker<br>Fr. Clark<br>Fr. Clark<br>Fr. Gamboa | 7:00 a.m.<br>8:00 a.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m. | John & Frances Kennedy, Stacy Baker, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale,<br>George Duda, Patrick Mahoney<br>Eileen Kurland, Dorothy Conely<br>Michael Hanley<br>Gene Kennedy<br>Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners |



### Marriage Banns

Martina Novotny & Jeffery Newell

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

#### Dominic Edward Blumenthal

Son of Kristen Feeney & Nick Blumenthal

#### Amelia Catherine Strozak

Daughter of Paula Nosal & Matthew Strozak

#### Riley Elaine McGuire

Daughter of Lauren Ferguson & Gregory McGuire

**to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.**

### WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

#### Oanh Hoang Ho Family

#### Deborah Curi

#### Ron Kaminski

#### Rivera Ruben

#### Melissa Mercado & James Slehofer Family

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



This weekend there will be a second collection to support the Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign: Final Phase. Thank you for your continued generous support.

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

#### H. Edward Barnicle, Jr.

Husband of Gail Barnicle

**May he rest in peace. Amen.**

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

*We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.*

**March** - Dan Gibbons, Patricia Rodey

**February** - Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill

**January** - Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik, Frank Colonna, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood

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

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Spring is a time of surprises. Snowdrops begin to appear from the dark earth and soon the daffodils sprout. A change begins to take place. The branches which appeared dark and dead during the winter months begin to show new life. Light green foliage cloaks the trees and the bushes. Seeds which seemed lifeless germinate, and potatoes which appeared to be rotting begin to grow. A sense of hope arises as the days lengthen. All of these events illustrate that change and renewal are part of life.

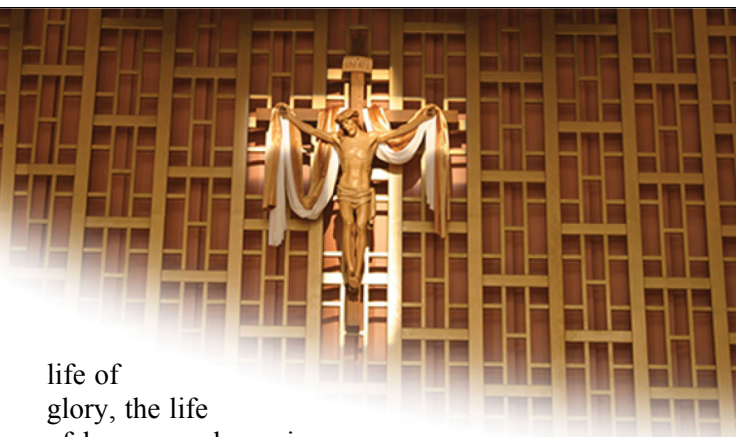
The same cycle can be seen in the recovery from illness. Lying on the bed suffering from the aches of flu, one feels lifeless and there is no enjoyment. Food loses its taste and the days seem endless. Sometimes people wish they were dead. Recovery marks a change, new strength emerges and slowly the body heals. Life returns. Health, which can so easily be taken for granted, acquires a new meaning.

Many modern churches have replaced the traditional crucifix showing the suffering Christ with a cross showing the risen Christ or the Christ in Glory. The account of the passion in St. Mark's gospel corresponds to the crucifix of the suffering Christ, while St. John's gospel, which we hear today, reveals the Christ of Glory. Both images are important if we want to understand the meaning of the cross and resurrection. We should not over-emphasize one aspect, either suffering or resurrection, and lose the other dimension of the mystery.

Transformation is the theme of the readings this Sunday. In the first reading, new life and a restored homeland are promised to the Jewish people in exile. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God renewing the heart. God promises a new covenant to his people in which he will write his law on their hearts. The heart for the Jews meant the core of the personality. God is present to each human person and speaks deep within.

Jeremiah's words, however, gives even more reason to rejoice. God promises that not only will he forgive the people's sin; he will forget it and never call it to mind. God will remember only the good that people do.

Jesus' death is also a transformation. He speaks of it in terms of a wheat grain falling into the ground. It appears to die but, after a period of time, brings forth a new harvest. The pattern of winter being followed by spring helps us to understand this cycle. What appears to be death is in fact preparing for a new beginning. The promise of Jesus is that his death will be the opening to a



life of glory, the life of heaven and a union of love with the Father. Whilst we can see the changes in the bulbs, the seeds and the trees, only through faith can we trust in the resurrection, when those who have died will be united with Christ for ever.

St. John presents the glorification of Jesus on the cross as the triumph over death and suffering. However, the pathway to this glory is agonizing. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the suffering of Jesus, when he prayed aloud and in silent tears. His time in the Garden of Gethsemane was one of anguish. He trusted still, but at times God must have seemed distant.

As we approach the celebration of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, the readings offer hope. Death has been conquered by the death of Jesus and his resurrection. But the crucifix reminds us that Jesus knew suffering. His anguish in prayer reminds us that God hears our own prayer. How often people cry out to God. Why has my husband been diagnosed with cancer? Why has my child died? These prayers from the heart echo Jesus' prayer on the cross: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" To those who suffer physical or mental pain, and bear it in silent tears, the promise of the Gospel is that God hears their prayer.

Looking at nature and rejoicing in the gift of creation can help us believe in the resurrection. The new growth around us reminds us that change happens. The crucifix of St. Mark's gospel leads to the cross of the Christ of Glory in St. John's gospel.

*Lenten Blessings,*

*Fr. Bob*

**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**



# Parish School

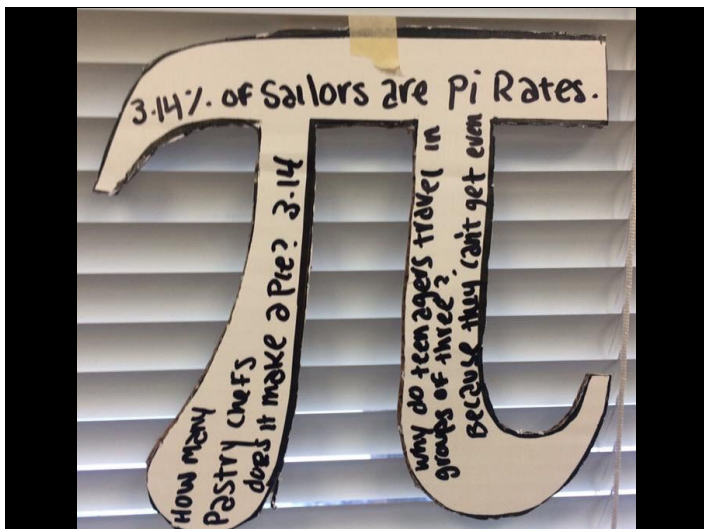


### DATES TO REMEMBER

Early Education Open House 6pm ..... March 21  
 Living Stations of the Cross by the 8th Grade .. March 22  
 Spring Break ..... March 26 - April 2

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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



### Mmmm Pi

Student celebrated Pi day on Wednesday courtesy of our 6th grade teacher Miss Smith who also leads our school's Math Club in competitions such as Fenwick's annual Math tournament and the Math Counts contest held at the BP campus in Naperville. Hopefully the students enjoyed their tasty treat on 3/14 at 1:59 p.m.



**On March 10th 2018 the following St. Cletus Girl Scout were awarded Religious Medals:**

#### **Marian Medal**

- 8th Graders*  
 Gianna Annella  
 Nicole Annella  
 Chloe Brooks  
 Emma Cassidy  
 Isabella Davila  
 Caroline Hart  
 Maureen Kane  
 Emma Karczewski  
 Nora McCabe  
 Amanda Siegert  
 Emily Siegert

#### **Puella Mariae Medal**

- 7th graders*  
 Serena Garza  
 Grace Koziol  
 Grace Anne Pullappally  
 Lauren Schinker  
 Maureen Staelgraeve

#### **Puella Mariae Medal**

- 6th Graders*  
 Lily Conn  
 Gabi Kapusta  
 Mackenzie Kulovic  
 Julia Ludden  
 Emily Lathrop  
 Colleen Ramicone  
 Abby Schuler

#### **Family of God**

- 3rd Graders*  
 Ava Derat  
 Andrea Hernandez  
 Emilija Girnius  
 Finley Gorman  
 Natalie Kapusta  
 Erin Kennedy  
 Emma Koziol  
 Amelia Ludden  
 Katherine Sheehan  
 Grace Twitty

Congratulations girls and thank you to the adult volunteers who led them on their journey of faith.




**St. Cletus School**  
 FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

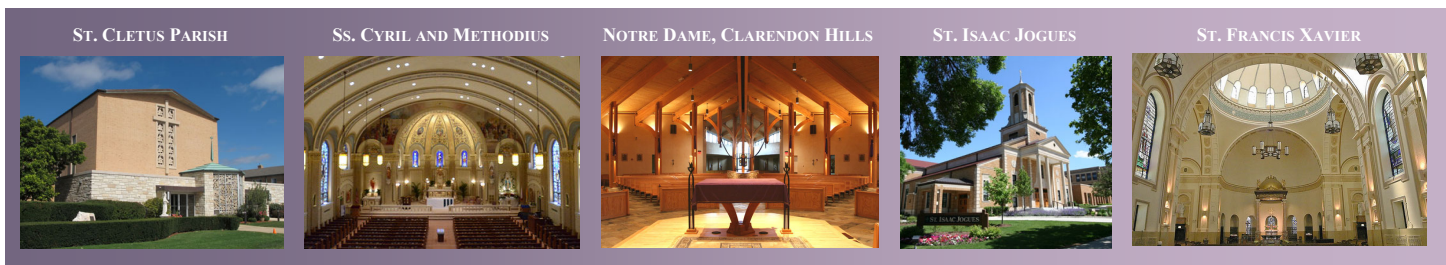
**EARLY EDUCATION**  
**Open House**

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

**Wednesday, March 21st**  
**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

# St. Cletus Lenten Journey Experiences

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday       | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|-----------------|--|--|--|
| <b>MARCH 18</b>   | <b>MARCH 19</b>  | <b>MARCH 20</b><br>6:00pm<br>Holy Hour<br><br>7:00pm<br>Spanish Holy Hour | <b>MARCH 21</b> | <b>MARCH 22</b><br>2:15pm<br>School Stations of the Cross<br>7:00pm<br>Living Stations of the Cross (presented by the 8th Graders)   | <b>MARCH 23</b><br><i>No Stations of the Cross</i><br>7:00pm<br>Hispanic Ministry<br>Lenten Reflections in Parish Center   | <b>MARCH 24</b><br>4:15pm-4:45pm<br>Confessions  |
| <b>MARCH 25</b><br><b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br>7am - 12:30pm<br>Pancake Breakfast in Parish Center<br><br>CCW Bake Sale<br>YM Candy Bars<br>Vocations Table<br><br>4pm Fine Arts Series Concert | <b>MARCH 26</b>  | <b>MARCH 27</b><br>6:00pm<br>Holy Hour<br>7:00pm<br>Spanish Holy Hour     | <b>MARCH 28</b> | <b>MARCH 29</b><br><b>HOLY THURSDAY</b><br><i>No 8am Mass</i><br><br>7:30pm<br>Mass of the Lord's Supper<br><br>After Mass<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight &<br>The Visit of the Seven Churches (details are below) | <b>MARCH 30</b><br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br><i>No 8am Mass</i><br><br>3:00pm<br>Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Church<br><br>6:30pm<br>Hispanic Ministry<br>Way of the Cross in the Parish Center | <b>MARCH 31</b><br><i>No 8am Mass</i><br><i>No Confessions</i><br><i>No 5:00pm Mass</i><br>12:00pm<br>Blessing of Food Baskets in the Parish Center<br><br>7:30pm<br>Easter Vigil Mass |
| <b>APRIL 1</b><br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br>   | <b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:</b><br>7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, & 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)<br><i>Please note: All Masses are in Church</i> |   |                 |  |  |  |



## Holy Thursday Visit of the Seven Churches

On March 29th, right after Holy Thursday Mass we will be visiting churches following the ancient tradition of “The Visit of the Seven Churches.” This tradition originated in Rome. It was the custom for the faithful of the Early Church to visit the seven major basilicas as penance. The tradition today calls us to accompany Jesus in his agony by visiting seven Catholic churches and, for an indulgence, to pray for the intentions of the Pope.

St. Cletus Parish will take part with our own parish and then visit 4 additional churches. The remaining churches are for you to visit on your own if you wish to do so.

A bus(es) will be waiting outside St. Cletus after our 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass.

**If you plan to join us, please contact the rectory at (708) 352-6209 to ensure we have adequate transportation.** Thank you.

*The parish would like to thank our Holy Name Society for sponsoring the transportation cost of this event.*



## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)
- Baby wipes
- Canned or dry milk
- Cleaning supplies

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).



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*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 THANK YOU

Thanks to all of our helping hands at Food Pantry distribution. We enjoyed having a nurse from Bethlehem Woods join us this month. She provided blood pressure checks and offered health advice and follow ups for clients. We also had a great, large group of students from Nazareth Academy join us this month along with our regular volunteers. Thank you!

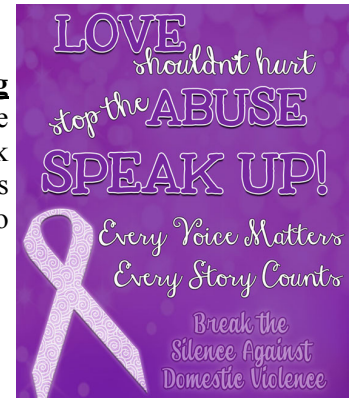
### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

#### Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group

**If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence**, this group may be very helpful. The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

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

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box to the left. **You are not alone.***



### INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

#### Career Center Open House

ICN Career Center - Weekly Open House Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday evening each month from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The CRC is a volunteer staffed resource where job seekers receive assistance with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation and electronic job search skills including LinkedIn...a powerful tool that will help energize your job search. These services are available at no cost on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the First Baptist Church of La Grange, 20 N. Ashland Avenue (across from the west side of the La Grange Post Office). No appointment is needed. Just ring the doorbell at the Ashland Avenue Office entrance; Interfaith Career Network is here to help you. The Center is staffed by volunteers to respond to any job search related questions as well as help with resume preparation. Job seekers have access to computers. Walk-ins always welcome, no appointments taken. Focus on: Internet usage, resume and cover letter preparation, electronic job seeking skills.

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

### WORD OF LIFE

“When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose... let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Flyer: “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation”  
[www.bit.ly/GodsMasterpieces](http://www.bit.ly/GodsMasterpieces)





**LENTEN OUTREACH - ENCOUNTER ALEFA**



We encounter ALEFA IN Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God’s creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Members of the Nkhomedzi Rice Scheme take a break to sing a dance. Chikwawa District in Malawi has battled a long history of food insecurity due to drought, most recently during the 2015 growing season. CRS’s Diversification for Nutrition and Enhanced Resilience (DiNER) Fair program offers subsidized agricultural vouchers to beneficiaries to use to purchase drought-resistant seeds. The vendors also benefit by having a place in which to reliably sell their goods. These fairs help beneficiaries gain the ability to plant staple crops in the upcoming agricultural season, as well as encourage improved agricultural practices that build resilience to future shocks.

Alefa attended the first CRS DiNER Fair in her village and chose to buy two bags of hybrid maize seed, cabbage, rabe, Chinese cabbage and tomato seeds. In 2015, several of Alefa’s crops (common beans, sesame and rice) failed due to the drought. She had no peace of mind and was worried about money and food for her family. She had to sell part of her land and bought rice seed with the money. Not as many people grow rice, so she can get more money from selling it. Last year she harvested 36 bags of maize and sold 10, which helped her to send her children to school. The harvest from the seeds she purchased at the DiNER Fair will help with school costs as well. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

\*Please note, Rice Bowls are due back next weekend, March 24-25. They can be dropped at the bins near the door, in the collection basket, or at the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity!

**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL**



**10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit**

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 11 a.m. -3 p.m., at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace is the 10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit. The benefit raises money to help expand grants and other assistance to the many volunteers as they serve the poor in the communities across Cook and Lake counties.

During the 2018 “Friend of the Poor” Benefit for Chicago-SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2018 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value).



Raffle Tickets are \$25 Each. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 22, 2018 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter raffle. No redeemable cash value. Winner responsible for taxes, title, transfer, and insurance. To purchase tickets: [www.svdpbenefit.org](http://www.svdpbenefit.org)

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE**

Friday, March 30, 2018 12 pm- 3:00 pm. Gather at the corner of Michigan Ave. & Congress Pkwy.

“Justice is what love looks like in public,” a quote by Cornel West, has been at the heart of why 8th Day Center created the public witness of its annual Good Friday Walk for Justice 38 years ago. This will be the last year the Center hosts its modern day Way-of-the-Cross.

We will revisit the issues and prayers used in previous walks, and connect those issues of the past to our current reality. We invite the walkers to reflect on how the same unjust systems and power imbalances contribute to our experiences today. What will our love look like in the future? Please join us for this holy act of love—to remember, to resist, and to be in solidarity with those working to dismantle unjust structures. Contact [8thdaycenter.org](http://8thdaycenter.org) or 312-641-5151 for more info.

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

We are a non-profit organization that works with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 100 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church. **Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver.** Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an information packet, visit us at [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org), and like us on Facebook. Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

### REPENTANCE

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—St. Anselm

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny  
 Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Tuesday: Spring begins  
 Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means “olive press,” and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a “gethsemane,” and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or “The Cry of the Lord,” built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





# Religious Education

## UPCOMING RE DATES:

- March 21 Teen Seekers meet
- March 25/26 NO RE Classes due to Spring Break and Holy Week
- March 28 NO Teen Seekers due to Spring Break and Holy Week
- April 1/2 NO RE Classes due to Easter
- April 4 NO Teen Seekers due to Easter break
- April 8/9 RE Classes resume for ECRE, Special Needs and Grades 1-8
- April 11 Teen Seekers meet



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade! We invite you to join us on June 18-22nd as we venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Join us as we spark imagination and faith-building fun with your children! We will anchor your children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

**June 18-22, 2018**

**9 a.m. – 12 noon each day**

**Morrissey Hall in the Parish School Building**

How to register: Complete a registration form online at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com), or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online through the Parish website). 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.

# Youth Ministry

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who gave last weekend to our Youth Ministry Mission Trip. Your generosity and support of our teens was overwhelming. Thank you!

## FANNIE MAY CANDY BARS FOR SALE DURING THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Fill your Easter Baskets while supporting the Mission Trip!

Our teens are selling Fannie May Candy bars for \$2 each to support the trip. They will be available March 25th at the pancake breakfast while supplies last.

## KAIROS NEWS



This weekend, over 60 teens from our parish and surrounding community are attending the 28<sup>th</sup> Kairos retreat. Please keep these teens in your prayers as they deepen their relationship with God over this life-changing weekend.

**Did you know that we will now have FOUR Kairos retreats each year?** It's true! The combined Youth Ministry efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross will have two retreats in the Summer, one in the Fall, and one in the Spring. The summer retreats will be on June 7-10, and on Aug. 2-5. The Fall retreat will be on Oct. 25-28. The Spring date is tbd. More details are coming soon about K29 on June 7-10!

# Other Ministry News

## Holy Name Society Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast

**March 25th in Parish Center**

The Holy Name Society will be holding its Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served on Palm Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The prices of tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. Tickets include: All you can eat pancakes, sausage, and beverages. There will also be a split-the-pot raffle and the St. Cletus Easter Bunnies.

Pre-sale tickets will be sold in the narthex after masses this weekend. Tickets may also be purchased "at the door" at the event. See you there!



### SCCCW

**Bake Sale at the Pancake Breakfast on March 25th**



All parishioners are welcome to stop by the Parish Center during the breakfast & purchase some sweet treats. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the CCW and all its projects in the upcoming year. The Council would appreciate your donation of baked goods for the event also on Saturday, March 24th. Bakery drop off: Saturday March 24th 4-7pm, Sunday March 25th after 6:30am, Bring bakery to Gallagher room in the Parish Center.

For more information contact Barb Pristo at 708-334-6103 or bpristo@sbcglobal.net.



### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Join us on March 25th at 4pm as Justin Sisul presents "Songs without Words" featuring Kathleen Kress, Jennifer Lowe, Ed Ashe and more. The church will be filled with the resonant sounds of violin, flute, guitar and piano in various combinations. Featuring songs that will be familiar to many as well as a few unique tunes, this hour of music is sure to be enjoyed by all.

**ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES**  
**Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm**  
 St. Cletus Church  
 Free Admission

**SONGS WITHOUT WORDS**  
 Justin Sisul

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS MAR. 22 NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS MAR. 23

Thursday, March 22nd at 7pm, the Living Stations will be presented by the St. Cletus 8th grade students in the church. They will be accompanied by Justin Sisul and the St. Cletus Parish Contemporary Choir. Please come and pray Jesus' final journey in the church with our parish community as we near the end of Lent.

Please note that there will be no regular Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 23rd. This is a change to what was previously printed in the Canticle.

*Living Stations of the Cross*  
 Presented by the St. Cletus School 8th Graders  
 Accompanied by the Contemporary Choir

**Thursday, March 22nd 7:00 p.m.**  
 Lent 2018

### BOOK DISCUSSION

The next book discussion will be at 7 p.m. on April 10th discussing Colony by Anne R. Siddons. Questions – call Denise at 708.712.8294.



### CELEBRATION OF SISTERS

Last Sunday at 11am Mass we celebrated Sisters who have been connected to St. Cletus Parish and School as part of National Catholic Sisters Week. Thank you Sisters!



Sr. Rosemary LaFlaur CSJ  
Formerly Sr. Gregory



Sr. Noreen George OP



(left)

Sr. Laurina Kahne CSJ  
(Hispanic Ministry)

(right)

Sr. Jeanne Oursler, CSJ  
Principal at St. Cletus  
1975-1983



Sr. Kieran Quirke OP



Sr. Pat Murray CSJ



From left going clockwise:  
Sr. Michele Elfering CSJ  
Sr. Dorothy Lynch CSJ  
Sr. Therese Marczyk, CSJ  
(taught 2 years at St. Cletus)  
Sr. Barbara Gaul, BVM  
Sr. Julie Cannon CSJ  
(taught at Nazareth)  
Sr. Ann Terese Reznicek CSJ



Sr. Anne Beauvais OP

### STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL CUPICH

#### **Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich on Governor Bruce Rauner's Veto March 14, 2018**

The governor's decision to veto a bill that would have required firearms dealers to be licensed by the state is deeply disappointing. No one believes that this or any one bill can be a comprehensive solution to the plague of violence afflicting our nation, but licensing these dealers, would have been one step in the journey toward making our state safer. The incremental benefits of this and other legislation under consideration that limits the size of magazines, the availability of devices to make weapons automatic, and access to assault weapons, along with other proposals, will add up to lives saved. Our families and those who protect us should not be forced to endure more fear, anxiety and heartbreak on the premise that we have to wait for our elected officials to provide a "comprehensive" solution, all the while relegating our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to second place.

The voices of children demanding action now cannot be ignored and it is up to the adult world to stand with them and the families devastated by loss by pressing our elected leaders to adopt laws, which might be less than comprehensive but are more than nothing.

### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

**Donate Online** Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit [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 at 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. Thank you!

### SUPPORT ST. CLETUS ON AMAZON.COM

Now your support goes 3 times as far  
From Mar 12 – 31, Amazon will triple the donation rate to 1.5% on your first eligible purchase at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).  
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## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Are you widowed? Feeling stuck? Need something to get you “over the hump” and on to your new path in life? The Joyful Again program brings understanding and hope to help you in your life’s new journey.

**April 21 & 22, 2018 Presence/Holy Family Med Ctr.**  
100 N. River Rd. (at Golf Rd.) Des Plaines, IL 60016  
(No overnight available)

For more info or other dates/locations contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry. Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: www.joyfulagain.org  
**IMPORTANT:** register early, space is limited.

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. Register at [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048

**Discover Your Core of Love: Awaken the Larger Love That Wants to Free You!** - Wednesdays, Apr. 11, 18; May 2, 16, 30; Jun 13, 27; Jul 11 1-3PM. The deepest, truest part of who we are is LOVE: yet often this identity eludes us. Come and discover the unconscious patterns expressed through our way of being that are obstacles to love, in this 8 week workshop facilitated by Carol Cummins and The Well’s Bridget Spurduto. Cost: \$250 Pre-registration required.

**They Will Inherit the Earth** - Sunday, Apr. 15 3:30-5PM  
Join author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear for a presentation and book signing of his latest book *They Will Inherit the Earth*, which shows how our global epidemic of violence and war could only lead to catastrophic climate change. John will invite us to deepen our nonviolence and take new steps into active solidarity with Earth and suffering humanity. Cost: \$20

**Inspiration in a Time of Climate Change: Marya Grathwahl, OSF and Helen Prejean, CSJ** - Saturday, Apr. 21 9:30 AM – Noon. On this Earth Day, Franciscan Sister Marya Grathwahl, founder of Earth Hope, will receive the 2017 Sacred Universe Award. Join us as Marya and Sister Helen Prejean, world-renowned writer and speaker, weave stories of justice, oneness, and hope for our Universe. Cost: \$30

### TROOP 19 PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 8



Save the date for the Boy Scout Troop 19 Pancake Breakfast which will be held at the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941, 900 South LaGrange Road, La Grange, IL.

Join us Sunday, April 8th from 8am - noon.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door.

### ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

**Casino Night** - St. Joseph High School will host a Charger CASINO NIGHT fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018!

**Deceased Alumni Mass** - St. Laurence High School will host its annual Deceased Alumni Mass, honoring alumni of the school who have passed on to eternal life, on Saturday, April 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the school’s Learning Resource Center. Father Michael Foley, from Our Lady of the Woods Parish, will celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection. A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Following the liturgy, snacks and refreshments will be served. Family, friends, and relatives of deceased alumni of St. Laurence are welcome to attend this liturgy. Reservations can be made by contacting Mr. Ed Kozak at 708-458-6900. If you have any questions, please call extension 244 at the school.

### MAYSLAKE MINISTRIES

**SAVE THE DATE** - Mayslake Ministries’ Annual Fall Conference Featuring: Fr. Ronald Rolheiser will be October 27, 2018 9am-12pm at St. Margaret Mary, Naperville, IL. Mayslake Ministries is, once again, honored to host Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, one of the greatest spiritual writers of our time as our keynote speaker. You do not want to miss this exciting event! Register by visiting our website at [mayslakeministries.org](http://mayslakeministries.org) or by calling our offices at 630-852-9000. **EARLY BIRD** Registration for \$10 OFF Must register and pay by June 1st.

### SPEAKER: FR. JAMES MARTIN



The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud to host speaker, author, and Jesuit priest Father James Martin on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. and Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 730 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Thursday, March 22 7 p.m. - Encountering Jesus: Meeting the Christ of Faith and the Jesus of History

Friday, March 23 7 p.m. - Seven Last Words: An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus

More information and registration: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/father-james-martin>

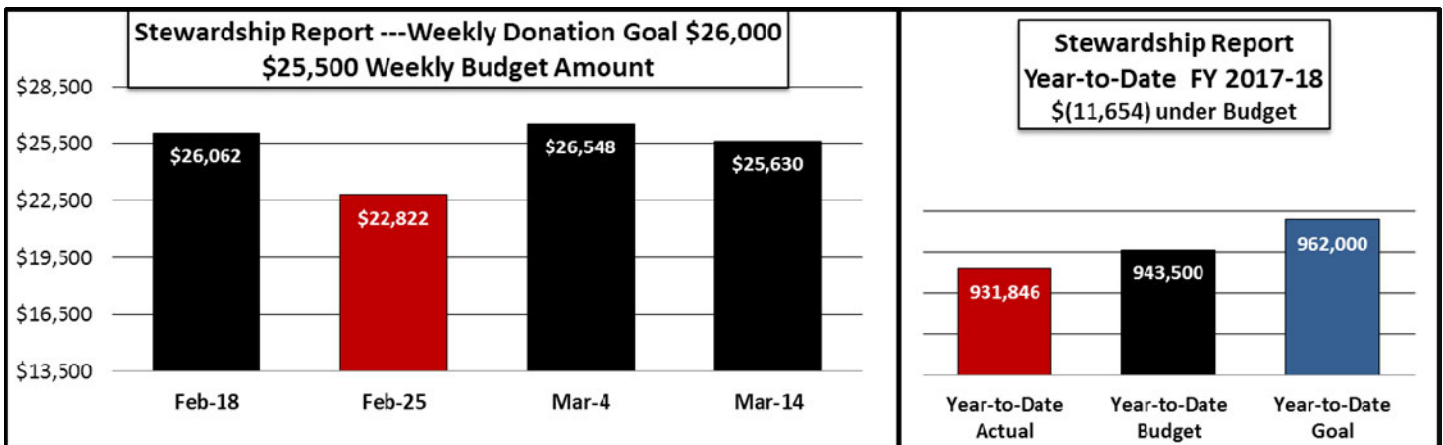
### OFFICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY & SOLIDARITY-IMMIGRATION MINISTRY

Keep Hope Alive, the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Benefit Concert to support its Immigration Ministry will be held April 9th at Holy Family Church. Join us for this evening of beautiful music and inspiring words. Tickets: \$75 each (concert/program), or \$250 for Cardinal’s VIP Reception and Concert. More Info [CatholicsandImmigrants.org](http://CatholicsandImmigrants.org).

## Week at a Glance

| DAY/DATE            | TIME                                 | LOCATION   | EVENT  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sunday, March 18    | 7:00am                               | Narthex  | Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales   |
| Monday, March 19    | 4:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>8:30pm           | School Music Rm<br>Church<br>Parish Center Gym         | Junior Choir Rehearsal<br>Parish Reconciliation Service<br>Men's Basketball  |
| Tuesday, March 20   | 6:00pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:00pm           | Church<br>Rectory<br>Church                            | Holy Hour<br>RCIA<br>Spanish Holy Hour   |
| Wednesday, March 21 | 9:00am<br>6:00pm                     | Parish Center Mtg Rm<br>School Room 98                 | Mission Ladies<br>St. Cletus School Early Childhood Ed Open House  |
| Thursday, March 22  | 2:15pm<br>5:00pm<br>7:00pm<br>7:30pm | Church<br>School Music Rm<br>Church<br>School Music Rm | Stations of the Cross (led by the school)<br>Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>Living Stations of the Cross<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, March 23    |                                      |  |  |
| Saturday, March 24  | 5:00pm                               | Narthex  | CRS Rice Bowl Collection   |
| Sunday, March 25    | 7:00am<br>7:00am<br>4:00pm           | Parish Center<br>Narthex<br>Church                     | Pancake Breakfast<br>CRS Rice Bowl Collection<br>Fine Arts Series Concert "Songs without Words"                                    |

## Stewardship Report



## Preferred Providers




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# St. Cletus Parish Information

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## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

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

## MASSES

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

## CONFESSIONS

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

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

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

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## 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

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