

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Archdiocesan Mass for Life

Saturday, January 9, 2016, at 5 p.m.

St. Cletus

600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL

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We remember the innocent children lost and the women, men and families hurt through abortion as we reflect on the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Join Archbishop Blase Cupich and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to transform our society from a culture of death into a culture of life.



“Each of us is *Willed*, each of us is *Loved*, each of us is *Necessary*.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

Archbishop Blase Cupich,
Principal Celebrant

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 11 — January 17, 2016

Day	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Helen Lesh, Gail Duffy, Jen Trenkamp—Special Intention
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Laura Jean Nalepka—Special Intention
Wednesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Tim Kigin
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	William Tomsovic
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski, Erik Geyer
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Harry Gillispie Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Delfina Zuniga, Laura Lanza
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Rodriguez	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Jean Davis Callaghan, Mark Joseph Callaghan, George Duda Patsy Walsh, Bernard J. Hennessy Gene Kennedy, Josephine Kinastowski, Tom Zambrino Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

George Sarli & Catherine Barzen

Meredith Bailey Family

Margaret Villarreal

Richard and Joanne Fitzpatrick Family

Wayne Stawczyk

Harriet Baczynski

Peter and Denyse Heffner

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



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection to benefit the St. Cletus Living our Faith, Building our Future Capital Campaign which breaks ground this Spring. Thank you for your continued generous support.

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

Al Dybicz

Husband of LaVerne Dybicz

Rose Christ

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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 McMahan, 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.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

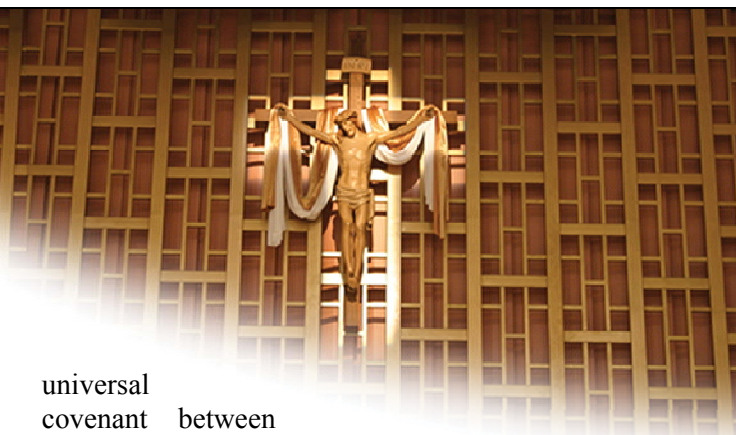
Please note that all canticle articles are to be sent to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday the week before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

Notes from Fr. Bob...

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

One of the most excruciating rites of passage in school life is the choosing of the team. I mean the choosing that takes place in the school yard during recess periods, the selection done by our peers. The two generally accepted best players (or strongest characters) agree to pick sides. Then it is a matter of: "I'll have him" or "We'll have her" until everyone belongs to one team or the other. This simple logic is in itself humiliating for those not chosen till last, but the humiliation is increased by the bargaining and discussion that accompanies the ritual. Attempts are usually made by friends of weaker players to get them on to their side. When such loyalty is successful, the gratitude and joy of the recipient is unbounded. Where such attempts are dismissed out of hand, the anguish of the rejected player is doubled, as not even the ties of friendship can cover such exposure and scorn. Some pretend to be above such matters, indifferent as to whether they are chosen or not, idly kicking pebbles while yet desperately hoping to be noticed and bursting with joy when their seeming nonchalance is rewarded. It is the unfortunate fate of the least well endowed that they are usually also the most vociferous of applicants and so draw even more attention to their failure. They wear their hearts on their sleeves, and their subsequent suffering is as evident as it is inevitable.

Each evangelist treats John the Baptist in a subtly different way. For Luke he is the one who raises expectations of the Messiah through his baptism of repentance. John is quite clear as to the limitations of his powers. His baptism is but a cleansing one of water. The one who is to follow him will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. It sounds as though he expects someone who will be even more judgmental than himself. The Spirit would then mean the gift for those who respond whereas the fire would be the judgment on those who resist. In Christian thinking the theme of fire is also linked with the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost in the form of tongues of flame. If the waters of baptism cleanse, the baptism by fire evokes an even more challenging image of purifying flame and inspiration. Luke then sets the baptism of Jesus himself against a background of personal prayer and divine revelation. Throughout his gospel, before any momentous decision or course of action, Jesus will be found at prayer. At the beginning of the public life of Jesus we are witnessing a new creation, the new and



universal
covenant between
God and his creation that will be
taken forward into the ages to come by the Church
founded on the apostles. This moment is sealed by God's
own declaration. Jesus is the Son, the Beloved, the one
on whom God's favor rests.

Through our baptism we accept the same challenge that Jesus accepted. We take on the responsibility of bringing the good news of the kingdom to all we meet. However, there is the same recognition that we do not do this by our own powers. We become part of the unfolding of the covenant that is still and always will be under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

The voice that addressed Jesus as his beloved addresses us in the same terms. We do not have to worry about whether we are going to make the team or not. Through baptism we are all swept up into the cosmic pageant that is the breaking in of God's kingdom. How we discover and how we play out our individual roles in this pageant comes both from decisions taken by the community and from our own inspiration and skills. If we take Jesus as our model, then our main aim will be to let all this happen under the umbrella of prayer. Our human patterns of behavior, even when creating teams, can tend to isolate and undervalue. God's way of behaving is to enfold us in his full embrace. The statement that his favor rests on us, his beloved, is to make it clear to us that we work and flourish under his loving power, his grace, and that the cement of this activity is our prayerful relationship with him. Without him we are nothing, with him we move mountains.

Blessings of Your Baptism Be With You,



*Fr. Bob
Pastor*

Parish School



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Pre-K through Grade 3 Winterfest January 15
 Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night January 22
 Catholic Schools Week Open House January 31

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Scenes from the Science Lab

First graders learned about overfishing throughout the world. They viewed a video about how fishing nets catch much more than the intended fish. Students went fishing in a bucket filled with a variety of balls and rocks so they could observe all they could catch in addition to what they wanted.

Second grade students “sculpted” chalk to observe the effects acid has on nonliving objects. In individual cups, students poured water, lemon juice, and vinegar to see how each was affected.

Fourth graders have been studying density. Each student was given a small ball of clay which they dropped into a container of water. They were then challenged to take their ball and make a boat that would float on the same body of water. After many modifications, we had some winners!

Fifth graders were challenged to design a toy car. They were given a choice of materials but they had to stay within a given budget. Their design needed approval before they “paid” for their materials and began assembly. When they had finished, each group analyzed their project and presented their findings to the rest of the class.

Students look forward to these interactive learning experiences in the St. Cletus Science lab.



 **St. Cletus School**
 FAITH FAMILY FUTURE



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Catholic Schools Week Open House
Sunday, January 31st from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- ◆ Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- ◆ Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- ◆ Before and After School Extended Care
- ◆ Half-day and Full-day Kindergarten and Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016

Fittingly, this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* is also the Lectionary's Year of Luke, for Luke's Gospel highlights God's mercy in finding the lost, healing the sick, restoring the broken, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving the sinner through Jesus' ministry. But before *doing*, Luke's Jesus is always *praying*. As practical moderns programmed to measure worth by productivity, we instinctively appreciate the Jubilee's call to embrace the practical challenges of our baptism. But today Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after baptism. So must we pray to become the disciples we are called to be, that the Spirit empower us to do what disciples are called to do. Imitating Jesus' openness to the Spirit will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "beloved sons [and daughters]... in whom the Father is well pleased," living out, in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, the extraordinary potential of our baptism.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



A YEAR OF MERCY

Visit THE SICK

The mercy of God reaches out to heal us. And we extend that healing outreach to the sick today. We visit and pray for their healing—not only their physical healing but also their spiritual healing. *Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick.* (James 5:14–15)



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ONE WORD
AT A TIME


Youth Ministry

ARCHDIOCESAN SKI TRIP



This event takes place January 29th-30th. Buses depart Friday evening and travel to Galena, IL for an all-night ski adventure. We will arrive back early Saturday morning. If you are interested, please submit the permission form and fee no later than January 11th. If you have questions, contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com. For information regarding cost and for registration, please visit the St. Cletus website. Parent volunteers encouraged to attend as well!!!

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

 "Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stcletusyouth.

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



young neighbors *in action* ▶▶

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!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

We will meet again to discuss upcoming socials and service projects including our mission trip this summer! Join us to learn more and offer input on Thursday, January 14th 7-8 pm in Room 200. Invite a friend to come with you.

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

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Other Ministry Notes

RECEPTION FOR ARCHBISHOP CUPICH AFTER JANUARY 9TH 5 P.M. MASS



Please join us after 5:00 p.m. Mass in Morrissey Hall for a reception with Archbishop Blasé Cupich after the Archdiocesan Mass for Life.

Sponsored by St. Cletus Parish and the Respect Life Office.

WORD OF LIFE

“[Jesus] showed us the self-sacrificial nature of love when he laid down His life for us, and we are called to follow in his footsteps. We are called to be his hands and feet, caring for and loving others.” — USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program Prayer and Program Guide (www.goo.gl/2nrphg)



BOOK CLUB

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!

CARDINAL PURSUIT TRIVIA NIGHT

Question: What is the January event not to miss??

Answer: Cardinal Pursuit on Friday, January 22nd

Put together teams of 8-12 players and head over to Morrissey Hall at 7pm to test your knowledge (and luck!) as we embark upon the Trivia Challenge of the year!

Cost is \$10 per person and mulligans will be available for those needing a little assistance. Bring your own food and beverages to provide brain nourishment throughout the night. Questions? Need a team? No problem! Email Karen Mulcrone at kkmulcrone@yahoo.com.

JOYFUL AGAIN MINISTRY RETREAT

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

There will be a retreat/workshop **Jan 16 & 17** or **March 5 & 6**, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus).

Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed to help the widowed find hope & joy again in life. Incls. overnight and meals. Space limited – register early. Ph: 708-354-7211

FALL FEST 2016—SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the 2016 St. Cletus Parish Fall Fest which will be held September 8-11th. Construction will be moving ahead for our new parish center, but we'll still have carnival rides, games, live entertainment, food vendors, and of course, the beer tent. Planning is underway and it is shaping up to be another great event!

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.

For further information, please call Helen McMahon at 708-579-5913 or Susan Hurley at 708-374-9773.

MISSION LADIES THANK YOU

I would like to say "Thank You" to all those who gave their time and those who donated material so that we could continue our work of making dolls, lap robes, stuffed animals, wheel chair bags, masks, and Christening Bibs.

This past Christmas we were able to make a good many items of the above and give to 10 different Charities. Mission Ladies are still in need of yarn either worsted or baby yarn, fabric and small gold or silver crosses (at least one inch high).

Also, we still can use more helping hands - those who can sew (machine or hand) and donate their time each Wednesday morning from 9:15a.m 'til noon. No experience is required. If you are interested please give me a call at 708-839-9695.

Again "Thank You All So Much!" We will be starting up on Wed Jan 13, 2016 ...same time, same place.

-Dolores Scaletta

CABARET

DUEL

 ST. CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES FUNDRAISOR

**SATURDAY
JAN. 16
8:00 PM**

NG PIANOS

**FEATURING:
ANDREW BLENDERMAN**

**TICKETS:
\$40 in advance
\$45 at the door**



Tickets are on sale at our table in the narthex or reserve on our website: finearts.stcletusparish.com

The Baptism of the Lord



MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter to Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6). -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trek conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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

TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

—Benjamin Franklin

TEMPER AND PRICE

Temper is what gets most of us into trouble. Pride is what keeps us there.

—Anonymous

Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Diapers
- Dish Soap
- Canned beans
- Dry pinto beans
- Monetary donations

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.

By the numbers...

In 2015 you provided food for 2,719 households, 11,099 individuals. Those numbers include our Giving Tree families as well as to families who came to us during the month for emergency bags. This community has so much generosity! Unfortunately, as you can see by the numbers, it has a lot of need as well. Together we can make a positive impact on those who are food insecure. Thank you! Our next food pantry distribution is Thursday, January 14th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Church.

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

GIVING TREE THANKS

In addition to the overwhelming gratitude expressed by our Giving Tree recipients on the day of distribution, many verbal and written words of appreciation continue to come in. Let me share a sampling with you, whose faithfulness allows this ministry to continue.

"Thank you for your kindness"

"Thank you to all St. Cletus helpers and volunteers."

"May God bless you all"

"Thank you to all that make it possible for my family to have a nice Christmas."

"Thank you for everything you do all year long. It really helps our family."

"You have no idea how happy our kids were to receive everything."

*"Thank you for the gift. I really appreciate it."
-7 year old*

"Thank you so much for all of the gifts... they are PERFECT!"

"Our food basket helped us have a beautiful Christmas dinner. Thank you!"

"You are truly Christmas angels :)"

Let us continue to be Jesus' hands and feet in the New Year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP MTG.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 19th from 7:00-8:00pm.

The monthly support group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The intent is to share our stories and listen to one another in a safe environment. We welcome both men and women survivors and victims' to express their thoughts and feelings and share their experiences. St. Cletus-Room 200 in the Education Building. Please enter at the flagpole door.

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



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

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

In A Job Search? Get Better Organized!

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, January 21 from 7-9pm for a lively, interactive and informative presentation on how to better organize your job search. Whether you are unemployed or employed, seeking another opportunity is a process. One of the most important parts of successfully making it through your search is to stay organized. Our speaker, Steven Rosenblum, is a dedicated HR professional with over 15 years of experience in various HR roles. Steve will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate, lead and succeed in your search. He will share many of his experiences and best practices, which will also be extremely helpful. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. Please join us in the School Building. Look for the ICN sign outside and use the flag pole entrance.

Get Ready. Get Set. Get Hired!

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will host their terrific five-week Career Transition Boot Camp beginning Tuesday, January 19 from 7-9 pm. Whether you're looking for a change in jobs, making a career switch, unemployed, under-employed or a recent grad looking for your first position, this five-week workshop is for you! FPCLG is located at 150 South Ashland Avenue; enter the church on Catherine Ave. This workshop is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. For further information, call the church office at 708.354.0771. Please join us!

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

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



Salerno's Pizzeria and Sports Bar 9301 W. 63rd St. in Hodgkins is an Aging Care Connections Senior Lunch Site.

Seniors aged 60+ may enjoy lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the suggested donation of \$2.00. Reservations must be made before noon the preceding day.

Please visit www.agingconnections.org to view the monthly menu. The program is funded in part by the AgeOptions and Title III-C of the Older Americans Act.

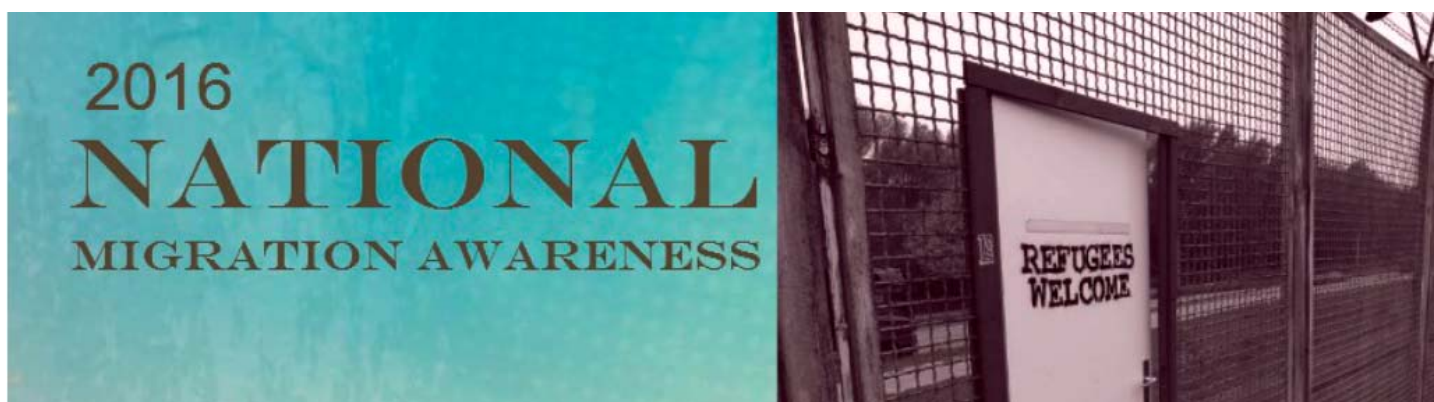
MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2016 March for Life of Chicago is shaping up to be the LARGEST PRO-LIFE EVENT IN ILLINOIS..

WHEN: Sunday, January 17, 2016, 2pm – 4pm Central

WHERE: Federal Plaza 50 W. Adams Street, Chicago

WHO: We are an annual event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social, and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending & protecting all human life. Pro-life individuals and groups from all across Illinois as well as Wisconsin and Indiana will march together in hope and love.



Syrian Refugees

Background: The situation for millions of families from Syria and Iraq is unimaginable. Now living as refugees in neighboring countries, they struggle to survive and worry about the future for their children. It is also taking its toll on the host communities who have responded generously to the Biblical call to welcome the stranger.

Syria was once a vibrant hub of Middle Eastern culture and history, but for the past four years, civil war has torn apart the country, causing the deaths of over 200,000 people and leaving more than 10 million displaced. Catholic Relief Services and our Church partners across the region are assisting more than 700,000 refugees with shelter assistance, education, food, medical care, hygiene and living supplies, livelihoods support and trauma counseling for children.

At the same time, the situation has worsened in Iraq. In 2014, there were 33,000 civilian casualties and more than 2.5 million people have been displaced due to fighting. And as the so-called Islamic State has so gravely demonstrated, it has become

a third and particularly nefarious actor in the region. It has trafficked women and girls, forced recruitment of children, and targeted minorities, including Christians.

Now is the time to urge them not to abandon Iraqi and Syrian refugees, or other people in need around the world!

Take Action Now! Please take action today by calling your Representative and Senators: **1-866-961-4293**. Tell the receptionist that as a constituent, you support welcoming Syrian refugees.

“The Middle East is tragically embroiled in other conflicts which have lasted far too long, with chilling re-percussions, due also to the spread of fundamentalist terrorism in Syria and in Iraq. ... I appeal to the entire international community, as I do to the respective governments involved, to take concrete steps to bring about peace and to protect all those who are victims of war and persecution, driven from their homes and their homeland.”
Pope Francis (January 2015)

Source: Catholic Relief Services www.CRS.org and www.confrontglobalpoverty.org



The Office for Immigrant Affairs
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www.CatholicsAndImmigrants.org



Community Bulletin Board

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 PILLARS BALL



The 10th Anniversary Pillars Ball will be held Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Oakbrook Hills Hilton Resort in Oak Brook, IL. Not only is this our 10th annual gala, but it also marks 10 years of Pillars. While Pillars dates back to 1928 through its predecessor agencies, the merger that created Pillars as we know today happened 10 years ago in 2006. Come celebrate with us! More information at <http://pillarscommunity.org>

MID-LIFE SINGLES REFLECT 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, 2015. 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.



SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP

SCSG Multi Parish Ministry for singles in their 40's and 50's January Events

Saturday, 1/16, 7pm, Dinner and More: Fitz's Spare Keys (Food, Bowling, Pool and Music) located at 119 N. York St. in Elmhurst. Please RSVP by 1/13.

Saturday, 1/30, 7pm Dinner and Music: Hackney's hosting the band, Five Guys named Moe cover Band) located at 123rd and La Grange Rd. in Palos Park. RSVP required by 1/27 if attending.

Contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus after he was baptized by John. Husbands and wives, let the Holy Spirit help strengthen your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 12-14, 2016 or April 8-10, 2016 or June 10-12, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us at <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

ERIN POTTS INVITATION FEB 5-7

We're preparing to host the 7th Annual Erin Potts Invitational Volleyball Tournament, which will be held in Morrissey Hall Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7. Local 7th and 8th grade teams will compete in this action-packed community effort that, again, promises to be loads of fun as athletes and families support an important cause, Cancer Awareness.



The event also includes Alumni Game Night on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 6:30 – 10 pm. All alumni, male/female, are invited to come and play. Whether you graduated last year or 30 years ago, we want to see you. Don't worry, you don't need to be a good player! It's all about having some fun! The fee of \$20/person includes a T-shirt. Sign up as an individual, or come as a team. Email confirmation with T-shirt size to Sue Lovett Rejdkowski (class of '83) at suerej@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's tournament, which has become a very special community event. Please join us. Stop in and say hi. Buy a T-shirt to support the cause. Thank you for your ongoing support in memory of our sweet Erin. See you in Morrissey Hall.

- The Potts Family

ROSARY HILL HOME BIBLE STUDY

Join the Dominican Sisters Rosary Hill Home for an Psalms: The School of Prayer. This is an eleven part bible study featuring Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer & Tim Gray. Session runs from Monday, January 18—March 28, 2016. Student study packs are \$30. Sign ups will still be accepted after the first class. Call us to register or for more information.

Rosary Hill Home 9000 W. 81st St. Justice, IL 60458 (708)458-3040

BUDDY'S PLACE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

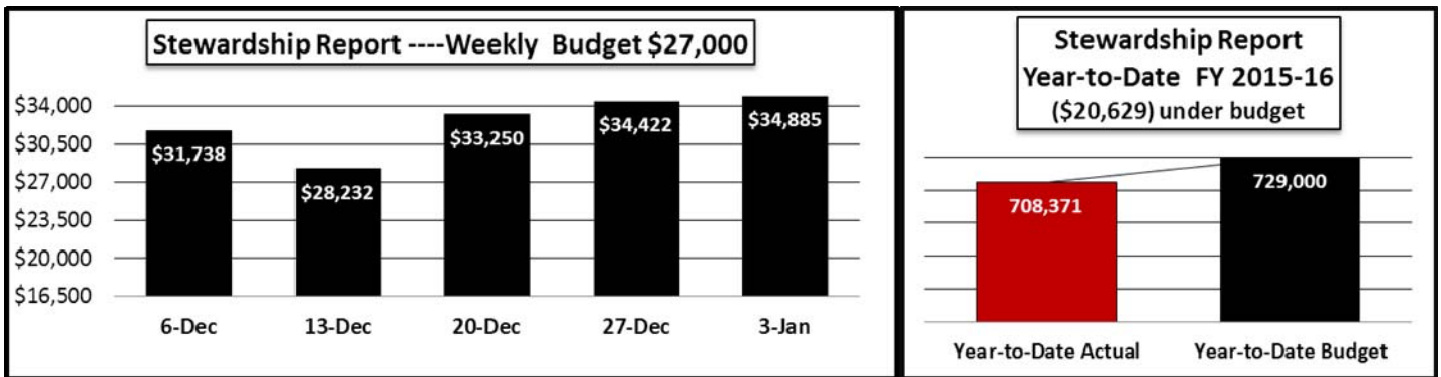
Volunteer Training Dates: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

Buddy's Place is Pillars' grief support program for children ages 4-18 and their families. We are accepting new volunteers to help support grieving children and their families in a variety of ways, including Greeters and Group Facilitators. The training is free with a one-year volunteer commitment. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Halm at 708.995.3750 or email buddysplace@pillarscommunity.org.

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 10	All Masses	Narthex	St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser Ticket Sales	
Monday, January 11	4:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Room Church S Rm 200 MH	Junior Choir Cantor Rehearsal Athletic Association Mtg Men's Basketball	
Tuesday, January 12	7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Rectory S Rm 213 S Rm 202 MH	RCIA Family School Association Mtg Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group Boy's Church League Basketball	
Wednesday, January 13	9:00am 9:00pm	RB MH	Mission Ladies Boy's Church League Basketball	
Thursday, January 14	5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	S Music Room S Rm 200 MH	Children's Choir Teen Advisory Board Mtg Boy's Church League Basketball	
Friday, January 15	5:30pm	MH	FSA Winterfest	
Saturday, January 16	7:30pm	MH	St. Cletus Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser	
Sunday, January 17				

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 # _____

St. Cletus Parish Information

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Español (708) 215-5440

School (708) 352-4820

www.stcletusparish.com



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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*

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Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ron Anglim, *Weekend Associate*

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

Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, *Deacon Couple*

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