

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



2017 Mass for Life



Archdiocese of Chicago's Annual Mass for Life
with Cardinal Blase Cupich

St. Cletus Church
Saturday, January 7, 5:00 p.m. Mass
Reception to follow

*"I came so that they might have life, and have it
more abundantly." John 10:10*

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Meeting
Jan. 17, 2017 - 7:00 pm

Catholic Schools Week Open House
Jan. 29, 2017 - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Mass Intentions for the Week of January 9 - January 15, 2017

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	J.J. Farrell, Joseph Vieceli
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Rust
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Helen Lesh
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Monika Mataitis
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Robert Powers, William Tomsovic
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	John Marston, Rose Haddad, Noreen Smith, Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Georgia Popp, Karen Frisbie
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Lester & Bruno Buczek, Florence C. Wiencek, Michael A. Wiencek, Laura Wiencek, Albert Wiencek, Lynnette Miria King, Agnes Maria King
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Bill DePasquale, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Eileen McKinney
	Fr. Gamboa	11:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, Eisie & Fred Cimino, Stacy Baker
	Fr. Ngwila	12:30 p.m.	Jorge Ayala, Damuso Almeudavez, Ma Guadalupe C. de Almeudavez

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

Edmund Pilarski

Father of Colette Ruich and Vivian O'Connor

Stephanie Buric

Mother of John and Rich Buric

May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available this weekend, Jan. 7/8, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

SECOND COLLECTION 1/14-15

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

BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSION

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 a full week (nine days) before Sunday's publication.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ernest Dufner, Frannie Grybis, Dr. Brigitta Sonnen Kalb, Theresa Cimaglia, Donald Price, Eileen Peters, Kathy Zydell, Adriana Pecheo, Enrique Pecho, Armando Pecheo, Fernando Cabral, Maria Cabral, Jennifer Ochino, Don Wettstein, Robert Arbuckle, Rob Semsey, Johnny Sipek, Lonnie Rott, Fran Kruse, Nick Lodato, Jack Simpson, Anne Bermier, Evelyn Ulfig, Ginny Skibbe, Kim Zwolinski, Lane Powell, Dcn. Jim Cozzo, Mirna Cozzo, Daniella DeRivera, Peter DeRivera, Damien Johnson, Lesley Hansen, Kristen Gozdecki, Steve Gozdecki, Lane Powell, Kelly Cook, Frank Ciszek, Nino Scimone, Lee Ascencio, Jean Weekley, Laura Segel, Adrina Castillejo, Otto Stuckman, Patricia Pilleggi, Isaac Musser, Jean Takes, Robert William, Gene Wallace, John Eterno, Vivian Swibel, Jennifer Streit, Julianne Hausknecht, Cynthia Cozen, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Allie DeRivera, Carmen Rodriguez, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahan, Erin Lively, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, LaVerne Gill, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, and John Duda. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

There has been no time in the recorded history of the world which has been free from armed conflict of one kind or another. Individuals are at war with individuals, nations fighting nations. Human history can seem like the history of conflict. But from time to time the perpetrator of violence in word or in deed can become a powerful agent for peace. One such notable story is that of Saul of Tarsus, who became an apostle of the Gospel of Christ.


Saint Paul practiced deep hostility towards Christians before his conversion. A zealous persecutor, he witnessed and approved the stoning to death of Stephen, the first martyr. Christians feared him. After being told of his conversion, Ananias was still hesitant and suspicious to meet him. Later St. Paul preached that both pagan and Jew share a common inheritance in the plan and promise of God. The Messiah, who was longed for by the Jews, appeared but scandalously proclaimed a universal message to all people.

Although the prophet Isaiah looked forward to the day when all peoples would worship in Jerusalem, Isaiah's hope contrasts with the pictures of Bethlehem and Jerusalem that we see today. Both are heavily fortified and attitudes are characterized by suspicion and hostility.

The hope of Epiphany is a vulnerable and innocent child. Jesus is born into poverty and tenderly cared for by Mary and Joseph. They cannot find shelter at the inn but take refuge and security in the stalls with the animals. Vulnerable and weak, dependent on mother and father, the child grows in wisdom and stature. The child is also the one who is worshipped with the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh: gold for a king, frankincense for the worship of God, myrrh, a sign of the anointing at death, which will mark the climax of Jesus' life.

As Mary and Joseph looked into the eyes of their child, could they ever have imagined that he would die at thirty-three on a cross as a criminal? Could they ever have imagined that two thousand years later, people would celebrate his memory? The paradox of the cross is shown in the contrasts; vulnerability but power, human but divine, Jew but universal.

Religious conflict has a long and tragic history; we think of the Crusades, persecution at the time of the Reformation, conflict between Jew and Christian, violence and bloodshed between Hindu and Muslim. These conflicts indicate the deeper conflict within the human heart; pride, the desire for and power and wealth,



the need for superiority and identity over others. Often this leads to a person of a different color or creed being treated as a scapegoat. The insecurity of the human heart needs external supports and earthly victories.

Jesus reveals a different meaning for human life. The hope of the message of peace, which is proclaimed to the shepherds, may seem distant and ideal. However, the disciple is called to the life described in the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. It is a call to accept the distinctiveness of other people, to respect them. The disciple is called to love, which goes beyond liking, but demands treating the other with respect and dignity. The poor in spirit, the meek, the humble and those who hunger and thirst for what is right will share in the Kingdom of God.

Peace can come only through self-sacrifice, through living the cross. Peace will demand treating the other as an equal and with respect. This is difficult and requires a change of attitude. Only in the cross, in the mystery of death and resurrection, can this occur. To hear the plea of the other person, to try and understand their viewpoint, can be the beginning of a journey of reconciliation. Although we might despair that peace is unachievable, St. Paul's life shows how the power of God is active in human weakness.

God's plan is greater than any human plan; we can take hope in Paul's life and conversion. Epiphany gives an impetus to the journey of reconciliation because Christ is revealed as a light for all peoples.

Peace Always,



**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School

DATES TO REMEMBER	FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR
School Resumes..... Jan. 9	Tom Chinske, Principal Christy Schaefer, Asst. Principal
Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night Jan. 20	(708) 352-4820 (708) 352-4820
Catholic Schools Week Open House Jan. 29	tchinske@stcletusparish.com cschaefer@stcletusparish.com



Welcome Cardinal Cupich

Two C's for Cardinal Blase J. Cupich! On Friday, November 18th St. Cletus School celebrated the elevation of the Cardinal by wearing red.

The students learned about Cardinal Cupich and the ceremony as part of their religion classes and enjoyed the chance to gather together for a picture to celebrate the occasion.

St. Cletus School wants to thank Cardinal Cupich for choosing St. Cletus for the Archdiocesan Mass for Life and for all of his support. We wish him continued blessings in his new position.



Learning About Sea Jellies

Our first graders dove into the subject of ocean animals in our Science Lab by focusing on the jellyfish. They covered many interesting facts about jellyfish such as their true name is sea jellies and they are not fish. There are over 4,000 different species of jellyfish ranging in size from bigger than a human to as small as a pinhead. After learning the many attributes that make them different from each other the students created their own sea jellies with the attributes they found most interesting.

Home Blessing for Feast of the Epiphany

20 ✠ C ✠ M ✠ B ✠ 17

*Christus Mansionem Benedicat
(May Christ bless this dwelling place)*

Caspar (Europe), Melchior (Asia), Balthazar (Africa)

The Magi were some of the first visitors Mary, Joseph and Jesus had. They came to the house in Bethlehem where the Holy Family was living. That is why blessing houses is an Epiphany custom.

We write the numbers of the new year and the initials of the three Magi- Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar- above our doors to remind us our homes are holy too. Three crosses stand for the three persons of the Trinity. Pray the blessing with your family.

Leader: Peace be to this home

All: And to all who belong here.

Leader: The Magi came to Bethlehem to adore Jesus. They bowed down when they entered his house. They offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

All: Loving God, your star showed people from all nations the way to Jesus. Help us bring this light to others, especially to those in this home.

Leader: Holy God, bless us and this home. Let our home be happy and peace-filled.

All: Help us walk in your light.

Leader: Bless us and our home. Help us through sad and hard times.

All: Help us walk in your light.

Leader: Bless us and our home. Help us to use our minds, hearts, and bodies to do good things.

All: Help us walk in your light.

Leader: Bless us and our home. Teach us how to welcome others and to forgive one another.

All: Help us walk in your light.

Leader: May this blessing remain upon our home and all who enter here. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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Fr. Bob, Debbie, Bobbie, Mary & Elizabeth

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.- 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION



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

GIVING TREE WORDS OF 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.

*"You deserve the very best always
...especially for all you do."*

*"My kids were so happy and excited to open the
gifts you got for them."*

"Thank you from my kids and I"

*"Thank you for everything you've done
for our family."*

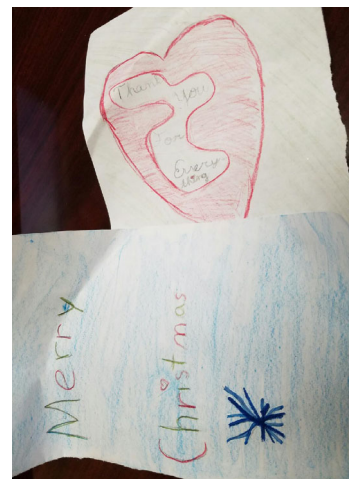
"I pray that love and joy goes to your family."

*"Bless us Lord, this Christmas with quietness of mind;
teach us to be patient and always to be kind!"*

"Thank you for being a part of our beautiful team."

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

"Thank you for everything."



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

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.

WORLDWIDE, MEN WHO WERE EXPOSED TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS CHILDREN ARE
THREE TO FOUR TIMES
MORE LIKELY TO PERPETRATE INTIMATE
PARTNER VIOLENCE AS ADULTS THAN MEN
WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE DOMESTIC
ABUSE AS CHILDREN.

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 purple box to the left.

You are not alone.

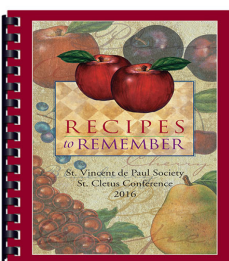
WORD OF LIFE

“To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop.”



— Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 101.
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ST. CLETUS PARISH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COOKBOOK



The St. Cletus St. Vincent de Paul Society Cookbook is still available. You can purchase them in the Parish Rectory during normal business hours.

The cookbook is \$15. Checks should be made payable to SVDP. All proceeds go to the charitable works

of our SVDP conference, helping individuals and families right here in our neighborhood.

This cookbook contains almost 500 recipes from parishioners, families and friends. The cookbook includes: appetizers, soups and dips, salads, main dishes, vegetables and sides, desserts, cakes, cookies and brownies, breads and rolls and more!

The St. Cletus St. Vincent de Paul Society Cookbook is a great stocking stuffer, or beautiful gift for the cooks in your life! And that could just be you!

Questions? Call Jerry at 630-849-5857.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO

**January 15, 2017
 2-4 p.m.**

Join us for the Annual March for Life Chicago.

Location: Federal Plaza
 50 W. Adams - Chicago

Pre-March Students for Life Conference 1.14.17

Pre-March Rose Dinner 1.14.17

Pre-March Mass & Brunch at Union League Club

Pre-March Youth Rally at St. Ignatius

More info can be found at www.respectlifechicago.org



**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD:
 CIRCLE THE CITIES WITH LOVE**

We need to begin anew and STAND FOR LOVE!



Our nation has just endured one of the most divisive and hate-filled election seasons in our history. We need to begin anew and STAND FOR LOVE!

We are asking people to gather in silent witness to embody the power of love that brings healing, peace and justice to our cities, our country and our world in locations across the country on the same day and at the same time.

We invite you to join with thousands of others across the country, and world in a special collaborative event taking place.

WHEN: Sunday, January 15, 2017, from 2:00-2:30 pm (Gather at 1:45)

WHERE: Congregation of St. Joseph, La Grange Park Center, 1515 West Ogden, La Grange Park, IL

This is the Sunday before the inauguration of our new president, which takes place the following Friday, January 20. Because of this strong desire, and with the intent to host a non-partisan, no-issue witness for love and peace, Circle the Cities With Love was born. It will be many events organized in many different locations.

HOW: JOIN US and help heal our country by witnessing for love and for peace. To register, log on to: www.circlecitywithlove.com

**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD:
 OVERNIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE**

Please join St. Joseph Parish Catholics for Life for an overnight Vigil for Life.

The vigil begins in the Chapel with a rosary on Sunday, January 22nd, at 6:30pm, and continues overnight and all-day Monday, January 23rd, ending with a rosary starting at 5:30pm.

A Holy Hour for Life will be held on Sunday evening from 8:00 – 9:00pm.

Please send an email indicating when you will attend to SJC.ProLife@gmail.com, or join us at anytime during the vigil hours.

St. Joseph Church is located at 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL.



“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court, or kill you.

~ Pope Francis

Youth Ministry

ST. CLETUS TEENS - MAKE CHRIST PART OF YOUR 2017 RESOLUTIONS!

In addition to other goals and ambitions, are we taking the time to truly witness the miracle of God's coming at Christmas through Christ as an infant? Just as the magi remained steadfast on their journey by keeping their focus on the star, do we have the strength, resolve, and courage to remain focus on Christ despite the distractions and temptations of the cultural messages that surround us?

As we look forward to new beginnings in the new year ahead, let us be inspired by Mary who, 'kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart' (Lk 2 :19). Let us also take time to observe the wonders of God, so that we may recognize Him as He is revealed to us, and reflect in our hearts the ways He asks us to follow Him more closely. Join us in 2017 for one of our many programs as we keep our focus on Christ.

MISSION TRIP 2017

Are you being called to "bring good news to the poor?"

Our Mission Trip this summer is organized by Young Neighbors in Action and will take place July 16th-22nd. We will serve the community of South Bend, IN. The exact details of our work are still being worked out, but possibilities include serving at one of many organizations set up to minister to the homeless and centers for at-risk children.

Registration details are available on the website. If you are interested, please submit your application ASAP. Applications are due by February 3rd, but space is limited and does fill up quickly! This is open to high school students who will have completed 9th grade and above.

We are also looking for adult chaperones who are willing to join us. Without you, this opportunity cannot be offered. Contact Elizabeth for details to see if this is something meant for you!

WEDNESDAY SUNDAES



Our first prayer night of the new year is Wednesday, January 18th from 7-8:30 pm.

We will gather in church for some time of prayer and reflection and then head to the Youth Ministry room for ice cream and social time. Start your year off right by making an effort to grow closer to Christ!

ENCOUNTER SMALL GROUPS

Our next gathering for Encounter Small Groups is Sunday, January 22 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm!

Join us for conversation and fellowship! All are welcome.

YOUTH RALLY AND MASS 2017

There will be a 2017 Youth Rally and Mass prior to the March for Life Chicago on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at Saint Ignatius College Prep (1076 West Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL.) Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

After Mass all are encouraged to join the bigger rally and march at the Federal Plaza in Chicago, IL. More info at www.respectlifechicago.org.

This event is during our FRETUS retreat so St. Cletus Youth Ministry will not be attending as a group, but we still wanted to provide the information.

REGISTRATION FOR KAIROS 25 IS COMING UP!



Kairos 25 will take place March 16-19, 2017. This is a joint youth ministry opportunity with St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our parishes come together to support this peer ministry in action. This experience is open to high school juniors and seniors.

The retreat will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay in turning in your registration! The application will be available on the St. Cletus website as well as at www.stjohnofthecross.org in the next few days!

Elizabeth Tomasek, Youth Ministry Director
etomasek@stcletusparish.com (708) 215-5419
www.stcletusparish.com/youth



January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2-10; 1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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

EPIPHANY

Solemn things of mystic meaning; Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a royal Child proclaimeth; Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

—Roman Breviary, Epiphany; Prudentius, fourth century

Other Ministry Notes

MASS AT THE LA GRANGE HOSPITAL



Come and Join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to pray for the sick every Wednesday at 11:30am in the Chapel of La Grange Memorial Hospital.

Thanks and Blessings for the New Year,

Fr. Lorenzo

MISSION LADIES

We hope everyone had a great holiday. We want to thank everyone who donated supplies so that the Mission Ladies could continue their work.

We were able to deliver 595 handmade items to 6 different charities. Thank you all so much!

Mission Ladies will be starting up again on Wed. Jan 11th at 9am in the basement of the rectory. All are welcome to join - no skill is required. For more information call Dolores Scaletta (708)839-9605.

P.S. - We are still in need of your yellow, red, brown, black or other colors of fabric and small glue sticks.

ST. CLETUS SCHOOL AUCTION



Saturday, April 1st

Capri Banquets, Countryside

Watch Final Four games on a
HUGE 9x11 screen!

Raffles, DJ, Live and Silent Auction,
great food & drinks!

auction.stcletusschool.com

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Women of the Parish...
Please, come join us on Tuesday evening,
January 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

A St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women is being formed! All Women of the Parish... new, long-time, younger or "more mature" parishioners...please continue reading this open invitation and call to participation!

Dear Women of the Parish,

Last October 22nd you may remember was the date of the ("First Annual" perhaps) St. Cletus Parish Family Pot Luck dinner. While this event was sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), it was an independent group of parish women that organized the event. Months earlier I accepted the invitation to participate on the committee and was delighted to support what eventually was an event that not only was extremely successful but brought together, in a non-fund-raising atmosphere, people who represented our entire Parish.

Early that day I also attended the Chicago Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Breakfast which honored our Archbishop (now Cardinal) Blase Cupich. As he addressed the women that morning, he stressed how important women are to a Parish and how a Parish Council of Catholic Women supports, empowers and educates Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. (This is the wording used in the mission statement of The National Council of Catholic Women.) I was quite moved by his comments and remembered how, at my previous parishes, the Ladies' Society and Women's Club, provided camaraderie and a forum for the women of the parish to engage in not only social experiences but empowered women to utilize the unique gifts God had given each of them.

So, inspired by and certainly with the help of the Holy Spirit, Colleen Hagen (a member of the PPC) and I are initiating the effort to form a Council of Women here at St. Cletus. Our first official planning/ organizing meeting will be held on **Tuesday evening, January 17th**, in the kindergarten room of the education building/school. (We suggest you park in the lot by the front of the church and enter to the left of the church; the west doors of the school. We will have signage for you to follow!) We invite you to **join us for hospitality and socializing** (light refreshments will be provided) **beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the formal meeting/presentation/Q&A beginning at 7:30 p.m.**

Please prayerfully consider joining us on the 17th. We look forward to welcoming you to The St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women!

Sincerely,
Colleen Hagen and Karen Ziembra
Questions? Call or text: 708-710-0644



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

700 W. 55th St. · La Grange, IL · (708) 352-4820 · www.stcletusschool.com

You are invited to our Catholic Schools Week Open House

Sunday, January 29th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. Cletus builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and recognizes the diverse talents and individual learning styles of our students. We offer certified programs from pre-school through eighth grade. Our focus on academics, religious education and spiritual development balanced with extracurricular activities supports our mission to develop well-rounded students.

Of the many important decisions you'll make in life, few are more significant than the ones that affect your children. And of all those choices, selecting a school may well prove to be the most important.

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- ❖ Rigorous Curriculum including Spanish, Art, Music, PE, Science Lab, Technology Learning Center and Library
- ❖ Athletic Opportunities and Extra-Curricular Activities
- ❖ Caring Community
- ❖ Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum

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Community Bulletin Board

CATHOLIC H.S. ENTRANCE EXAMS



Chicagoland area Catholic High Schools will offer their entrance exams on the morning of Saturday, January 14, 2017. Please visit their websites or call the school for more information or to register.

JOYFUL AGAIN



Looking for ways to bring new life into your days after the loss of your loved one? Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. There will be a retreat/workshop Jan. 21 & 22, 2017, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer (located in Lemont on Alvernia Manor's campus). Includes overnight and meals.

Joyful Again Widowed Ministry - Phone 708-354-7211
website: www.joyfulagain.org or email us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com.

REFLECT RETREAT FOR SINGLES

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking to start 2017 off with a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Then register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb17-19, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year's resolution you won't regret! Cost is \$197 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, or e-mail us at reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit our website www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter® weekend on February 17-19, 2017, April 7-9, 2017 or June 9-11, 2017, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES - CABARET

Friday, Feb. 3rd

8pm, Doors open at 7:30pm

Cabaret! Piano Bar Night in Morrissey Hall to benefit the Fine Arts Series. Admission is \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, which includes entertainment, beer, wine and appetizers. Andrew Blendermann and Tony Kidonikis will be back again providing musical fun and entertainment. RSVP today at www.edwardfas.com.



NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2017



January 8 – 14

National Migration Week is celebrated annually during the first full week of January. It is a time designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to remember the journey of the Holy Family as they had to live in the shadows and cross the border into Egypt to escape death at the hands of King Herod. The Church calls parishes, Catholic schools and religious communities to a heightened awareness of the difficult journey of today's immigrants and to work as a community so migrants can "step out of the darkness". For more information and resources, please visit www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/resources/nmw2017.

LA GRANGE PET PARADE ART CONTEST



Attention Kids in Grades K-6, the La Grange Pet Parade is having an art contest! Winner to be named this year's Junior Grand Marshal and ride in their own V.I.P. convertible during the parade!

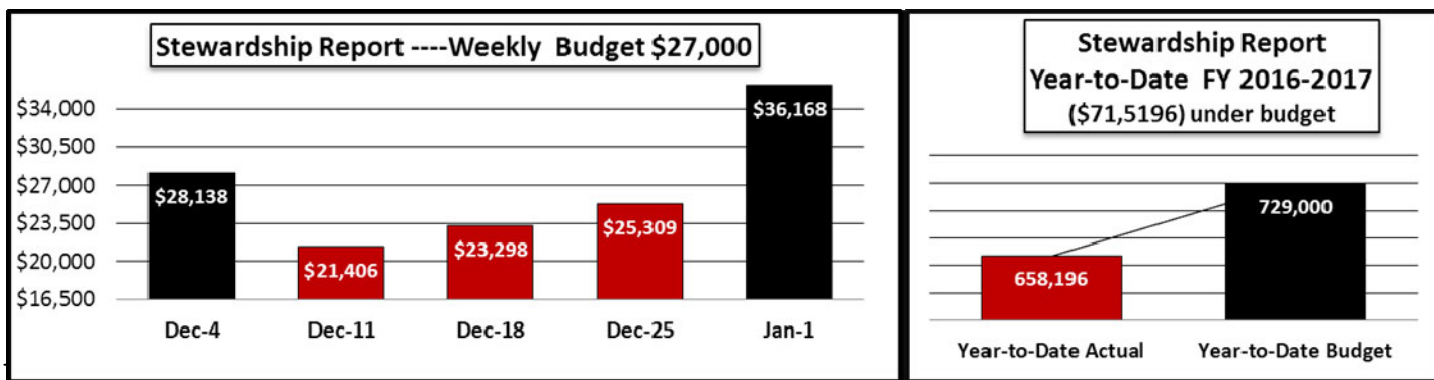
Download the coloring page from lagrangepetparade.org. Deadline: January 31, 2017. Coloring page can be mailed to: La Grange Pet Parade at P.O. Box 707, La Grange, IL 60525 or scanned and emailed to: molly@lagrangepetparade.org

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 8	All Masses 9:15am	Narthex School	Welcome Committee Religious Education Classes Resume	
Monday, January 9	6:00pm 8:30pm	School MH	Religious Education Classes Resume Men's Basketball	
Tuesday, January 10	6:30pm 7:00pm 7:15pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	RB S Rm 213 Church S Rm 207 MH	School Board Social Concerns Commission Meeting Athletic Association Meeting Men's Prayer Group Boy's Church League Basketball	
Wednesday, January 11	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm	RB S Rm 98 S Rm 200 MH	Mission Ladies CREDO Baptism Preparation Class Boy's Church League Basketball	
Thursday, January 12	5:00pm 7:30pm 9:00pm	S Music Rm S Music Rm MH	Children's Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boy's Church League Basketball	
Friday, January 13	5:30pm	MH	St. Cletus School FSA Winterfest	
Saturday, January 14	9:00am	S Rm 200	Pre-Cana	
Sunday, January 15	4:00pm	S Music Rm	Teen Choir Rehearsal	

Stewardship Report

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 2016 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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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 11:00 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Holy Hour first Tuesday of the month 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Hispanic Adoration continues 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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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