

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

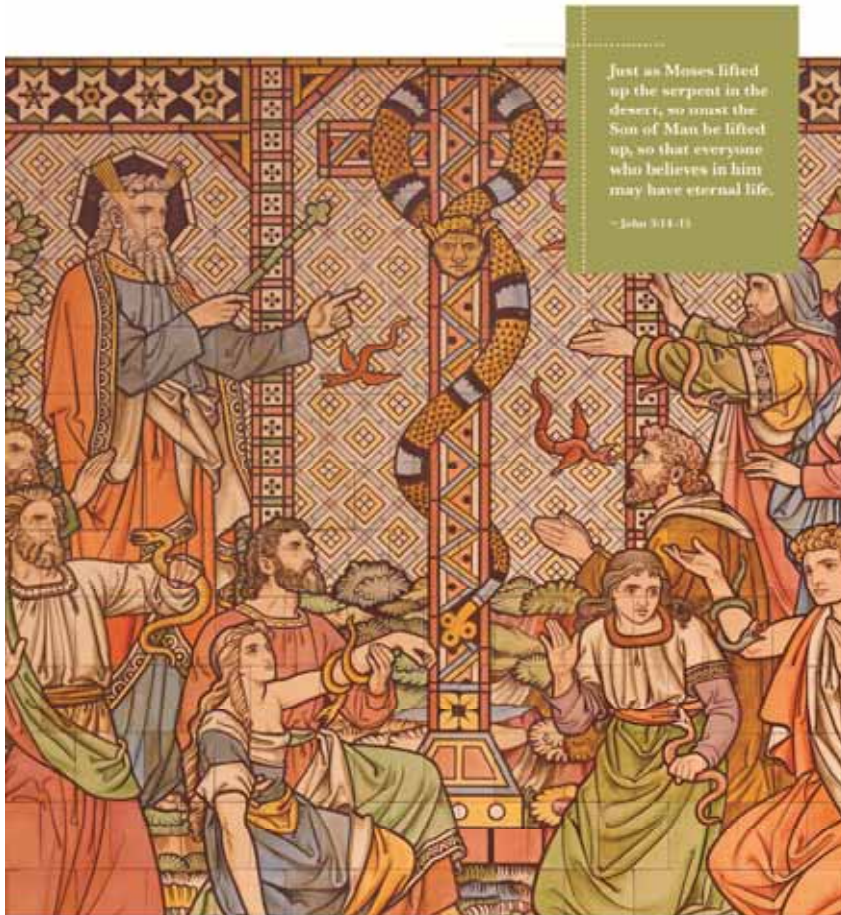


God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

— John 3:14-15

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- MAR. 12 7pm Parish Reconciliation
- MAR. 13 6pm Holy Hour, 7pm Spanish Holy Hour
- MAR. 16 7pm Stations of the Cross
- MAR. 22 7pm Living Stations of the Cross
- MAR. 25 8am Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast



Mass Intentions for the Week of March 12 - March 18, 2018

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Dybas
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Bob Thomas
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Stanley Zagorski, Sylvester Ptak, Erik Geyer, Joseph Weise Jr., Mary Vesconte
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	St. Cletus Parishioners Bob Thomas, Patricia McKillip, Dennis Gabriel, Thomas J. Comer, Georgia Popp, , Jay Wilkins, Ken Kakareka, Stacy Baker, Jeanne Horan, Ward & Agnes Calonder
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John & Frances Kennedy, Stacy Baker, Dolores E Kuchta, George Duda, Patrick Mahoney, Parents of Alicia Ghera St. Cletus Parishioners Mary Dybas, Timothy Benrus Gene Kennedy Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

SECOND COLLECTION FOR YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION TRIP



We are so blessed to have seven amazing teens who volunteered to serve others on our Mission Trip to South Bend in July! They are so generously giving of their time and talents, and we need the financial support of our Parish Family to make this happen!

Please give generously to our second collection this weekend, March 10th and 11th which will go directly to offset costs incurred with this Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK



This Sunday at 11:00am Mass we celebrate all of the Sisters who have had a presence at St. Cletus Parish and School.

National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) is a dedicated celebration of the nation's 47,170 Catholic sisters and all those who have come before. Learn more about National Catholic Sisters Week at nationalcatholicsistersweek.org and follow the campaign on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest and use #NCSW2018 to engage.



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

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.



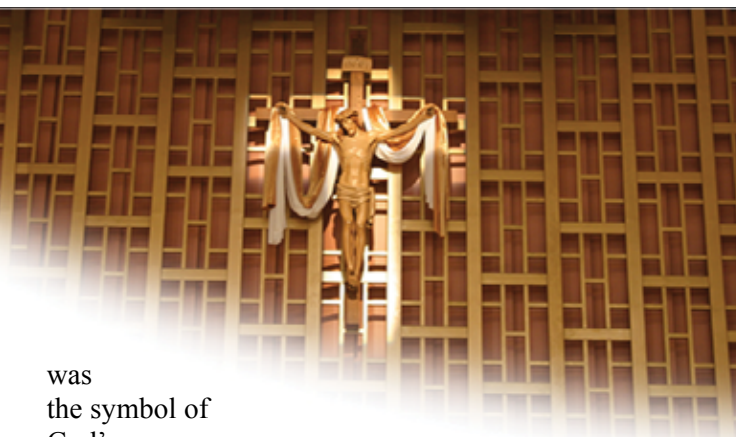
Notes from Fr. Bob...

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Stephen Wiltshire became famous when he was just a young boy. Born to West Indian parents who had immigrated to England, he had lost his father, could barely read or write, but was discovered to have an extraordinary gift for drawing buildings and townscapes.

First of all, his art teacher, Chris Marris, and then the literary agent, Margaret Hewson, supported and encouraged him in his special talent. He, himself, was passive about his ability; he just drew but at a highly technical level, even when he was but a young child. Margaret took him on drawing trips, first of all around London and then to Venice, Amsterdam, Russia and the United States. Stephen responded immediately to these new sights, and Margaret got him commissions and sponsorships, arranged and financed exhibitions, and helped him to produce his two best sellers "Floating Cities" and "Stephen Wiltshire's American Dream". She also found him a place at art school and established a trust fund to provide for his future. Her own exuberance and energetic personality seemed to inspire Stephen, as though his creativity took life from what Dr. Oliver Sacks, who accompanied them on some of their journeys, called "the exhilarating, whirlwind atmosphere Margaret seemed to create all around her." Without such support it is doubtful that Stephen would have fully developed his gifts or have become known to the wider world.

We live in a limited and conditional world, whereas God inhabits an unlimited and unconditional world. We are asked to accept that we can share this much more wondrous world of God, despite being dead through our sins. Such a leap can only be brought about through faith, the belief that God is so generous with his mercy that the gap can be bridged between the two worlds. The grace that is offered to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus lifts us up out of sin and failure and gives us a place in heaven with him. It also restores us to the possibility living the good life we were always intended to live. The letter to the Ephesians explores how the mystery of salvation is made available to all. There is a profound conviction that Christ is the lord of the whole of creation and that all is taken up into his saving death and resurrection. We become again what we were meant to be at the world's beginning, God's work of art, but also, made in God's image and likeness, artists in our turn. We can neither fully appreciate nor practice our calling without being constantly in touch with the brush of the painter, the poet's pen, namely the presence of God, which we celebrate in word and sacrament. If the Temple



was the symbol of God's presence among his people in the Old Testament, we are now the new temple, the house where God lives in the Spirit, with Christ Jesus himself as the main cornerstone.

People sometimes struggle with life problems, we are told, because they suffer from low self-esteem. Coping with life needs a certain resilience, a certain confidence that enables us to ride the ups and downs we encounter. If we don't think we are worth much, we will tend to think others think the same of us. We may even act in a way that gives others that impression and encourages them to ignore us or treat us with disdain. Or we might go to the opposite extreme, becoming bullying or boastful in the attempt to persuade others that we are really worth something. But if we are convinced in our hearts that we are God's work of art, then our perception of life is very different. We are free to use our imagination more. We can explore what is old, what is new and what is different. We can be endlessly curious. The world is not hostile but somewhere we can give ourselves time to stand and stare and wonder. We can delight in others' gifts as well as our own. This is where our real imitation of God begins, when we enable others to see their gifts and use them to the full. It is a sign of God's love for us that we can move beyond our limitations and share in the splendor of creation. Our love is seen in our removing of each other's limitations, allowing our spirits to soar freely in the image and likeness of their creator.

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Bob

**Fr. Bob
Pastor**

Parish School

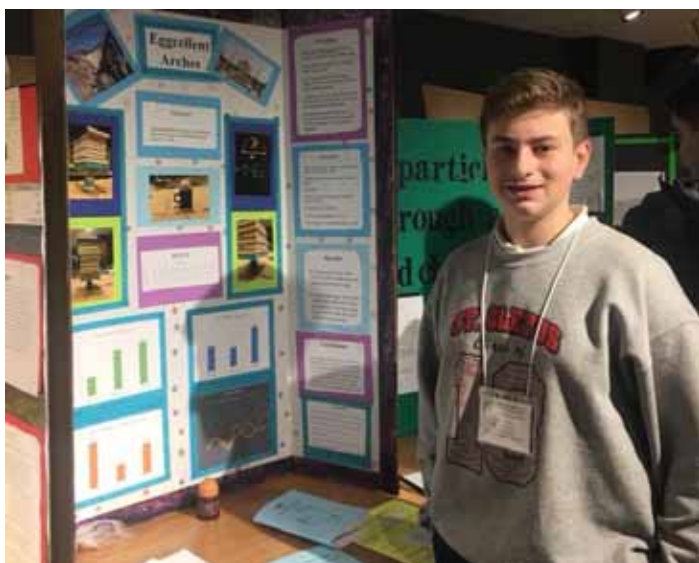


DATES TO REMEMBER

School Stations of the Cross at 2:15pm..... March 15
 Early Education Open House 6pm March 21
 Living Stations of the Cross by the 8th Grade .. March 22

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Science Fair Semi-finalist

Congratulations to Michael Nawas who was awarded the Semi-finalist Silver award for the Annual Regional Exposition of the Illinois Academy of Science held at the Museum of Science and Industry this past weekend. We are very proud of his accomplishment!



St. Cletus Students Inspired by Catholic Relief Services Ghana Speaker

“I may be from 10,000 miles away... I may speak or sound a little differently from you... but I am your neighbor.” On March 2, Thomas Awiapo from Catholic Relief Services shared his truly inspiring story of survival and success with the students of St. Cletus School.

Mr. Awiapo grew up in a small African village in Ghana, was orphaned before the age of ten, and was left to struggle on his own for survival. He was the second of four brothers; his youngest two brothers died of malnutrition and lack of care.

His search for food led him to an elementary school, where he was fed a small meal every day. He survived, studied, and eventually won scholarships to attend college. He later earned a master’s degree from California State University.

Today, Mr. Awiapo works with Catholic Relief Services as a consultant and integral part in bringing global solidarity. He lives in Ghana with his wife and four children. His story of initiative and his joyful presence has brought inspiration to thousands of people in the U.S.

Thank you to Kendall Grant and CRS for arranging this wonderful presentation. More information about Mr. Awiapo can be found at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/speakers/ghana>.

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

Daily Mass 8:00am

Reconciliation Saturdays 4:15pm (except Mar. 31st)

Parish Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 12 7:00pm Church

Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 13 6:00pm Church

Tuesday, March 20 6:00pm Church

Tuesday, March 27 6:00pm Church

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 16 7:00pm Church

Friday, March 23 7:00pm Church

Living Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 22 7:00pm Church

Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 29 7:30pm Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Good Friday

Friday, March 30 3:00pm Church

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, March 31 12:00pm Parish Center

The Easter Vigil (no 5:00pm Mass)

Saturday, March 31 7:30pm Church

Easter Sunday April 1st (regular Mass schedule)

7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

HISPANIC MINISTRY EVENTS

Holy Hour. + Spanish Confessions

Tuesday, March 13 7:00pm Church

Lenten Reflections

Friday, March 16 7:00pm Parish Center

Friday, March 23 7:00pm Parish Center

Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 20 7:00pm Church

Tuesday, March 27 7:00pm Church

Way of the Cross

Friday, March 30 6:30pm Parish Center



ST. CLETUS PARISH



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS



NOTRE DAME, CLARENDON HILLS



ST. ISAAC JOGUES



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



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 providing the transportation cost in sponsoring 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).



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

Thank you to all who donated \$10 Jewel and Walmart gift cards to the food pantry. We were able to distribute them to clients at Food Pantry this month to help contribute to Easter celebrations.

We are so grateful for the many anonymous donors we have here at St. Cletus. Each week we bring over boxes and bags worth of donations from the bins in the Church Narthex. One donor in particular, has been contributing ten Jewel cards for \$10 each week. THANK YOU! Everyone's attention to detail and faithfulness to our "shopping list" is so appreciated. Please know that it does not go un-noticed!

We also want to thank students at Pleasantdale and in the St. Cletus Religious Education program for their huge food drives this week! Thanks!

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

Using Twitter and Social Media in Your Job Search

ICN invites you to join us on Thursday, March 15, 7-9 pm to learn more about using this powerful social media tool in your job search. With TweetMyJobs listing over one-and-a-half-million job tweets in just 30 days, there's no question that Twitter and social media are a must-use resource for job seekers. Our speaker this evening is Falise Platt. She has worked with a wide variety of companies providing them with strategic direction in establishing their social media presence. Falise will explain why you should sign up, how to sign up and why you'll want to incorporate Twitter and Facebook as part of your search. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to welcoming you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs.

ICN offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please contact our website at www.interfaithcareednetwork.org.

WORD OF LIFE

"O God our Creator... give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

USCCB, "Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"
www.bit.ly/ReligiousLibertyPrayer



LENTEN OUTREACH - ENCOUNTER ANDRISE



We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community-and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Students of first grade of the Notre Dame de Lamerici de Robillard school, in Nord Department, Haiti, wash their hands before and after eating their meal. Some students depend on this as their only source of food during half of the day.

Catholic Relief Services in partnership with the diocesan office of the Catholic Education Commission, are implementing the program Haiti Reads. Every student receives a new workbook to practice their reading and writing. This is a big change from before, when students had to copy notes from the board. Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more information.

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; and the various programs and services that offer direct service to those in need including clients of the Pope Francis Center, a social services agency focused on homelessness prevention.



Festivities include Drury Lane's delicious champagne brunch and entertainment provided by our famous Church

Choir Challenge. Attendees are welcome to participate in games of chance, and a grand prize car raffle, sponsored by Ray Buick, to help raise additional funds for those in need. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Benefit Co-chair Pam Matambanadzo at 773-360-0093 or vop@svdpchicago.org to learn how you can support this fun and important event.

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

PEACE IN PALESTINE

Advocating for Peace with Jerry Levin Friday, March 16 at 7:00pm

In the early 1980's, serving as a CNN bureau chief, Jerry Levin was kidnapped by Hezbollah and held captive for almost a year in Lebanon. Emerging from his ordeal, Levin vowed to devote his life to being a peacemaker in the Middle East. Join us at Grace Lutheran in La Grange as Jerry shares how this experience changed his relationship with God, his view of the world and a commitment to Peace in the Holy Land.

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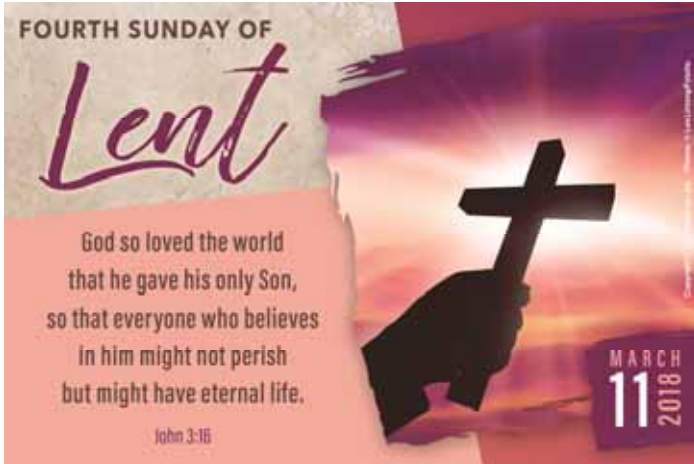
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"I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded. -Pope Francis

The fate of nearly 1.8 million Dreamers remains uncertain as Congress has yet to reach a bipartisan deal. The USCCB asks you to pray, fast and act by urging Congress to work together for a permanent solution for Dreamers. Call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard. For resources, talking points and postcards visit the USCCB website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent



COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
 Friday: Abstinence
 Saturday: Saint Patrick

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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

Youth Ministry

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



Boys - Congratulations to all of our boys Church League teams! Each of our teams represented St. Cletus so well in the playoffs. We are especially grateful for our outstanding coaches who so generously gave of their time and talent to support our teens in this amazing recreational league.

Girls - We now look forward to the start of Girls Church League! Please get your registrations in by Monday, March 12th! Applications are available on the youth ministry website: youth.stcletusparish.com.



KAIROS NEWS



Next weekend, over 60 teens from our parish and surrounding community will be attending the 28th 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!

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YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

St. Cletus Mission Trip July 8-14

Young Neighbors provides a solid, Catholic approach to service and justice that balances Scripture and Catholic social teaching, direct service, and a justice consciousness. It provides the experiences, skills, and learning needed for our youth an experience that will change the lives of those they serve and their own.

The typical daily schedule looks like this:

- 6:30 AM Wake Up Call, 7:15 AM Breakfast
- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer and Send-Off
- 9:00 AM Work Sites (work/lunch/sharing)
- 4:00 PM Return from Work Sites; Team Journaling & Sharing; Recreation, Relaxation, Clean Up
- 5:45 PM Site Sharing/Dinner Grace
- 7:30 PM Evening Program
- 9:00 PM Evening Prayer
- 9:30 PM Team Time/Social Time
- 11:00 PM Lights Out

Help us support our teens on their week-long, summer, service learning experience in South Bend, IN with Young Neighbors in Action.

How can your donations help?

- \$10** Gas for Daily Trips to Worksite
- \$20** Dessert 1 Night during Mission Trip
- \$50** Pizza at a Mission Trip Planning Meeting
- \$60** Sponsor a Teen for 1 Day
- \$75** Gas for 1 Van Round Trip
- \$100** Service Project Materials for Planning Meeting
- \$150** Lunch on the Trip to South Bend
- \$200** Sponsor 1/2 the trip for 1 Teen
- \$300** Van Rental
- \$395** Full Sponsorship of 1 Teen or Chaperone

Religious Education

RECENT NEWS



Recently our **Fourth Grade students** invited a special “loved one” to join them at class for our annual Love Day celebration. The kids presented their loved ones with special awards, made a craft together, celebrated with a special music session with Karen Ziembra, our Director of Music for the Parish, and ended with a special prayer service where they blessed each other. All you need is love!

This past weekend our **Fifth Grade students and their Parents** coordinated our annual Good Neighbor Food Drive to benefit the St. Cletus Food Pantry. We were blessed with an abundance of donated food from our RE families, and the kids spent a class sorting hundreds of bags of food, checking expiration dates, and re-packaging and delivering the food to the Pantry. Most important, they learned more about the clients and the true need that our food pantry fills in our community, and other ways in which our parish, under the direction of Kendall Grant, works to help those in need. What a great feeling to be Jesus’ hands and feet in the world! Serving others is so rewarding!

UPCOMING RE DATES:

- March 11/12 RE classes for ECRE, Special Needs and Grades 1-8
- March 14 Teen Seekers meet
- March 18/19 RE Classes for ECRE, Special Needs and Grades 1-8. Living Stations of the Cross presentation by 5th Grade classes.
- 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

*Parents: What are your kids doing this summer?
Have them join us at our Shipwrecked VBS!*

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, 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.



Other Ministry News

Holy Name Society Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 25th

The Holy Name Society will be holding its Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 25th. Breakfast will be served on Palm Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Pre-sale tickets will be sold in the narthex after masses 3/17-18.

The prices of tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10. Tickets may also be purchased "at the door" at the event. See you there!



SCCCW

Join us for our next meeting on Tuesday!



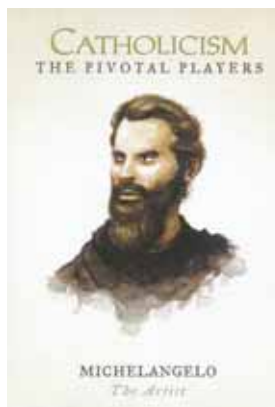
Come join us for an evening of fun at the next CCW meeting on Tuesday, March 13th in the Parish Center Gallagher Room. Meeting at 7pm, entertainment by "In The Moment" quartet at 7:30pm. Fellowship, Food, Fun, Friends & prizes too! Don't miss it!

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.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS - MARCH 14TH AT 7PM



You are invited to learn more about Michelangelo and why Bishop Barron included him as a Pivotal Player. This will be the last Pivotal Player we will present this spring. **We will meet Wednesday, March 14 at 7 pm in room 98 of the educational building.** The DVD runs about an hour and there will be a short discussion after it. Please use the side doors of the school next to the church.

CREDO

(Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

SONGS WITHOUT WORDS

Sunday March 25th 4:00pm

St. Cletus Church
Free Admission

Justin Sisul

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

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

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 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. Participants will learn about and practice a unique process to free us from these old patterns. 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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1941



ST. PAT'S DINNER on Sunday March 18, 2018. Refreshments at 4:00 - Dinner 5:00 pm. Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941, 900 So. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL.

\$16.00 per Person. **PAID RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 13, 2018.** Call: Joe Delaloye 708-354-3165. Coulter Post 708-354-3300.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph High School will host a Charger CASINO NIGHT fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018! For more information visit www.stjoeshs.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available and donations are always appreciated.

COMMUNITY GEMS NOMINATIONS



We are seeking Community GEMs! Community GEMs are older adults who are GOING THE EXTRA MILE through volunteer work to better their community. If you know of a person from Lyons, Riverside or Proviso Townships, who is 60+ and has, or is currently, volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others, please fill out a nomination form by March 16, 2018. Then join us and all of the GEMs for lunch on Tuesday May 1, 2018, where we will honor them and their impact on our community! If you have any questions please contact Alyson at AWN@agingcareconnections.org.

ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL

The 18th annual Road to the Final Four Fundraiser, an evening of action and entertainment, will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Activities are open to the public from 4:00 p.m. until midnight at 77th Street and Central Avenue in southwest suburban Burbank. Tickets are \$70.00 after March 10. For more information please visit stlfinalfour2018.eventbrite.com.

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 So. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL on Sunday, April 8th from 8am - noon. Tickets are \$5 each.

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 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.

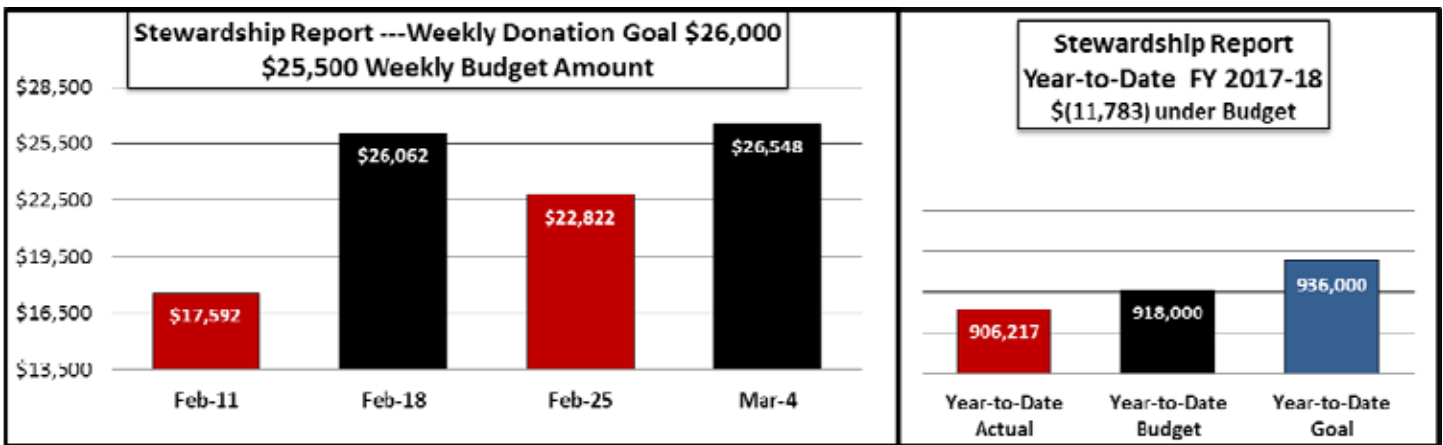
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication. Please note that due to the holiday there are early submission deadlines for the 3/25 and 4/1 Canticles. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 11	11:00am	Church	Family Mass and NCSW Celebration
Monday, March 12	4:00pm 7:00pm 8:30pm	School Music Rm Church Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Rehearsal Parish Reconciliation Service Men's Basketball
Tuesday, March 13	6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Church Rectory Parish Center Mtg Rm Church	Holy Hour RCIA CCW General Meeting Spanish Holy Hour + Reconciliation
Wednesday, March 14	9:00am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm School Room 98 Parish Center Mtg Rm	Mission Ladies CREDO Pivotal Players Presentation Baptism Preparation Class
Thursday, March 15	2:15pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm School Music Rm	Stations of the Cross (led by the school) Children's Choir Rehearsal SVDP Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 16	7:00pm	Church	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 17	5:00pm	Narthex	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales
Sunday, March 18	7:00am	Narthex	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales

Stewardship Report



Preferred Providers




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Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.

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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.

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