

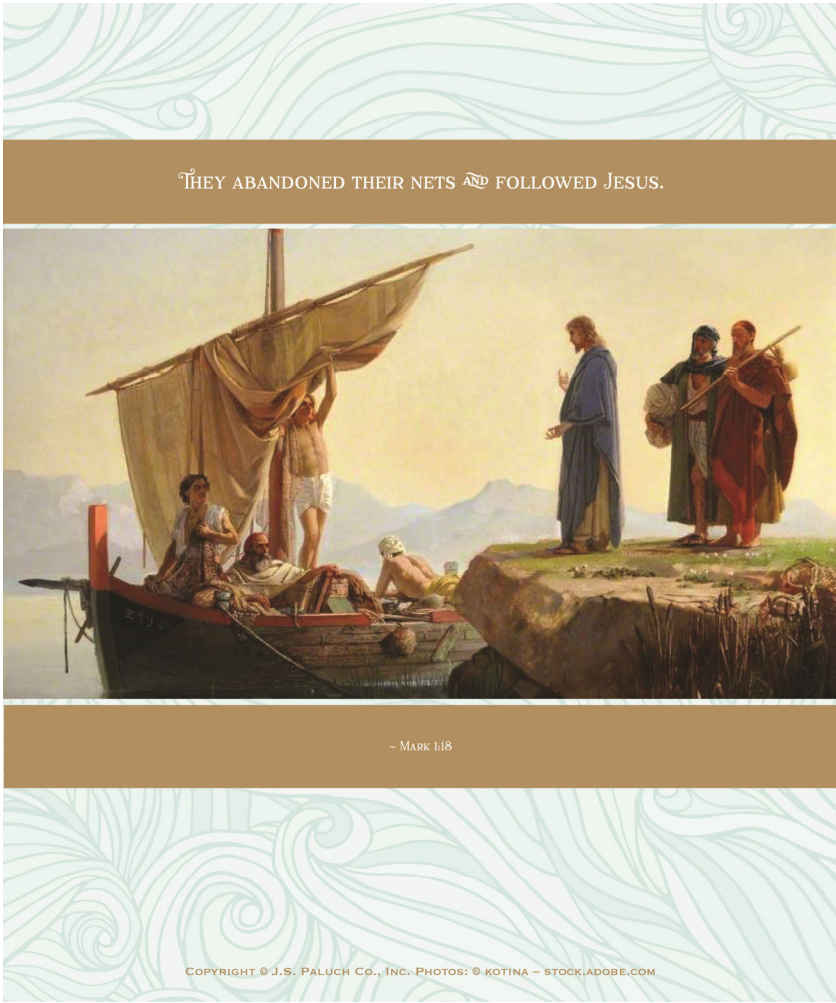
Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED JESUS.

— MARK 1:18

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WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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- JAN. 28: St. Cletus School Open House
- FEB. 9: Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus - *Cabaret*
- MAR. 3: St. Cletus Spring Auction - *Night at the Races*

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 22 - January 28, 2018

| Day | Presider (subject to change) | Time | Intentions |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| Monday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | George Lathrop |
| Tuesday | Fr. Gamboa | 8:00 a.m. | St. Cletus Priests, Past and Present |
| Wednesday | Fr. Fisher | 8:00 a.m. | Virginia Rachford, Irene & Stanley Oboy - 70 th Wedding Anniversary, Andrew F. Bultas Jr. |
| Thursday | Fr. Baker | 8:00 a.m. | Victoria Treska |
| Friday | Fr. Clark | 8:00 a.m. | Marilyn Matesevac |
| Saturday | Fr. Fisher Fr. Fisher | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Benjamin Patrick Hyink St. Cletus Parishioners |
| Sunday | Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Fisher | 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. | Stacy Baker, Dolores Kuchta Bob Thomas Eugene Sorrentino, Giles Nabor St. Cletus Parishioners Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners |

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

Frederick Fahey

Sr. Margaret Halligan, CSJ

Francisco Pastrana, Sr.

John T. Rudak

Victoria Teska

Mother of Cathy Pavlik

May they rest in peace. Amen.

COMMITMENT WEEKEND AND SECOND COLLECTION



Happy Commitment Weekend! Thank you to all who so generously supported our Living Our Faith, Building Our Future: The Final Phase effort today. We appreciate your financial sacrifice and unwavering support of St. Cletus' present and future. If you are still prayerfully considering your contribution, the deadline to turn in pledges is Wednesday, Jan. 31. Thank you again for your generosity and for all you do in the name of our parish community.

A letter from Fr. Bob can be found on page 11 regarding this final phase of the campaign. Thank you again for your continued generous support.

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.

January - Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, Marlene Heyes

December - Kyle Marsden, Frank Colonna

November - Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Eileen R. Peters, Kay Petalick, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley, Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfig, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso, Connie Monzel, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowski, Jenna Zimmerman, Emily Devine, Patricia Rodey, Alice Katzmarek, Baby William Eric Anderson, Otto Stuckman, Laura Terrazino, Maryann Scalise, Kris Kahn, Frank Niwa

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

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. Thank you!

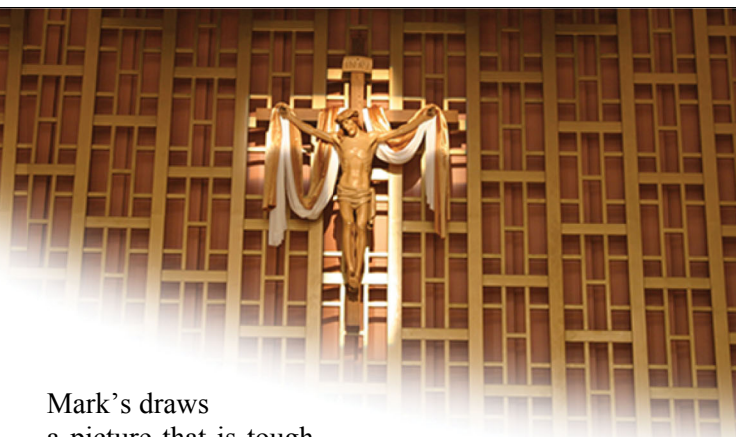
Notes from Fr. Bob...

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark is just beginning to tell us the story of Jesus. He has set out his main character's credentials, offering us the witness of John the Baptist and the prophecies of the Scriptures. Now he brings Jesus himself onto the scene. It is at the time of John's arrest. There is an undercurrent of danger running through Mark's account of Jesus' life, an undercurrent that will grow stronger, to flow out into the events culminating in his death. Jesus begins his public life with a summary of what he is about, as succinct a Mission Statement as any modern organization could demand. The time people have been waiting for has come. The kingdom of God, the new state of God's presence in the world, is being inaugurated. To be part of it we have to repent and believe the Good News. Putting flesh on these bones will be the story of the gospel. We see people turning away from the past, turning from evil and from failure and being transformed by what Jesus says; we will see people discovering their true destiny.

The first example we are offered is the calling of Jesus' closest followers or disciples. Mark's gospel is very much the gospel of action, so here too we see no questioning of destiny but an immediate response. Simon and Andrew, James and John don't utter a word. At once they leave both their livelihood and their families and follow Jesus. Mark was well aware of the cost to early Christian communities of their belief, where following Jesus brought persecution and inevitable family splits. For Romans, for example, the gods of the household, the lares and penates, were inextricably bound up with being family. So you could not follow Jesus and remain within your family, unless your whole family chose to follow you in your belief. The disciples are offered as a reassuring model. Even before knowing Jesus they respond immediately to him. It is a world of high drama and response Mark is introducing to us.

We live in a world that is often very confused. Some young people do still grow up with a clear sense of purpose and conviction. Many struggle to discover themselves against the pressures of peer groups, changing fashions, conflicting values and an underlying sense of uncertainty. In other parts of the world oppressive regimes and a lack of economic and political freedom make it even more difficult to discover that sense of having something special to do or be in life.



Mark's draws a picture that is tough, but is also reassuring. In one way he is letting us know that nothing has changed. The discovery of destiny will always be a challenge. We always have to leave a lot that we consider important behind. It may even be our family or our livelihood. The American poet Robert Frost talked about taking the road less traveled by, and there is always that element of the unknown involved; but that, as he went on to say, makes all the difference. What we have to leave behind are bits of us that impede our real progress, the baggage we all carry in one way or another – the false messages and perceptions, the fears and anxieties. What faces us is the Good News. The Good News tells us that we matter in a unique way. It tells us that we too are part of Christ's transfiguration of the world into a better place.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2017

I would like to thank all those who gave so generously to our Christmas collection. Your contributions of over \$205,000 will help us continue to meet our financial commitments and obligations. Your gifts provide for all of the many ministry opportunities that take place each day within our faith community. Your help and assistance is greatly appreciated by all whom they serve. You truly assist in our ability to spread the Good News within our parish and community.

Grateful Blessings Always,

Fr. Bob
Pastor

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Catholic Schools Week Open House..... January 28
 8th Grade Confirmation February 3
 Spring Auction March 3

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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



Eco Club Collects Lights and Batteries to Recycle

5th & 6th grade students help coordinate the recycling program at St. Cletus School. They encourage others in the school to recycle using videos, bulletin boards & posters. They plan Earth day activities and recycling drives as well as plant flowers in the spring.



Spanish Class Pen Pals

Our 6th Grade Spanish class was excited to receive letters from their pen pals in Cantimpalos, Spain! Students were encouraged to try to read and decipher their letters written in Spanish first before reading the English letter. Spanish class is part of every student's curriculum.



St. Cletus School

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

St. Cletus builds a strong foundation for life-long learning and recognizes the diverse talents and individual learning styles of our students.

Our focus on academics, religious education, and spiritual development balanced with extracurricular activities supports our mission to develop well-rounded students.

- Faith Based Education from Preschool through Eighth Grade
- Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence
- Technology Integrated into Classrooms and Curriculum
- Half-day and Full-day options for Kindergarten and Preschool

Open House
Sunday, January 28th
10:30 am - 12:30 pm



Find out why SC is the right choice for your family. Call (708) 352-4820 or stop by the school office to setup a tour!

St. Cletus Auction and Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night

ST. CLETUS 2018 SPRING AUCTION

Join us for an evening of *fun, food and friendly wagers*, all to benefit St. Cletus School!

Hosted in our new **Parish Center**, we'll have music/entertainment, past sanctioned televised horse racing, silent and and live auction items, and dinner and drinks.



MARCH 3, 2018
6:00 - 11:00 PM

Tickets available online:

auction.stcletusschool.com



Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night 2/2

Question:

What is the February event not to miss?

Answer:

Cardinal Pursuit on Friday, Feb. 2nd

St. Cletus Parishioners are invited to put together teams of 8-12 players and head over to Morrissey Hall on February 2nd to test their knowledge (and luck!) as we embark upon the Trivia Challenge of the year!

Doors open at 7:00 p.m., admission is \$20 per person and the trivia will begin around 7:30 p.m. Mulligans will be available for those needing a little assistance. Bring your own food and beverages to provide brain nourishment throughout the night.

Proceeds benefit the St. Cletus School Athletic Association. Must be 21+ to attend this event

Special Drop Off for Wine Donations for Spring Auction at Cardinal Pursuit on February 2



Instant Wine Cellar Raffle

We are in need of bottles for wine (red or white) valued at \$20 or more build our wine raffle for Spring Auction!

Bring an extra bottle of wine to Cardinal Pursuit and we will have a special drop off location for your donations at the entrance on Friday, Feb. 2.

Just a reminder that Mainstreet Wines and Spirits, 5425 S. LaGrange Rd, is offering 10% off bottles purchased for the Auction. Just mention the St. Cletus Auction! They will even hold your purchase there if you are not able to attend Cardinal Pursuit.

Please send other donations (of wine or silent auction items) to the St. Cletus School Office and include your name and mailing address with your donation. Monetary donations should be sent in an envelope marked "Wine Raffle".

Social Concerns Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- \$10 Walmart or Jewel cards (distributed at our Easter food pantry)
- Toiletries
- Canned soup
- Dried beans
- Cereal
- Laundry detergent

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.

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 right.

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



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE of CHICAGO —
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

LENTEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



As we prepare for Easter, we partner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to reach out and serve others through the Rice Bowl program.

All ages are welcome to help us distribute Rice Bowls after Masses February 17-18.

To sign up visit <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/> and look for the Lenten Outreach Volunteer Opportunities link.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Winter 2018 Career Transition Boot Camp - Week 1

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Tuesday, January 23, from 7-9 pm for the first of a 5-week workshop that will help you learn new skills and gain confidence. This week we will kick off with a punch list of things to do to prepare your job search strategy and go over the expectations of the entire program.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Joe Yount, will deliver a special presentation on how approaching your job search with a positive mindset will make you more successful. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session (if possible) to make the most of this experience. We look forward to seeing you at The First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For additional information, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

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

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

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Interfaith Community Partner now offers delivery service from area libraries to home-bound older adults. Interfaith Community Partners has united with four local libraries to offer home-bound delivery service for older adults, 60 and better, with the intention of providing library materials to people who would have no other way to receive them. These partnering libraries include La Grange, La Grange Park, Western Springs, and Hodgkins. How it works is that every two weeks, volunteers from ICP will deliver books and other library material to your door on a Saturday. After two weeks, a volunteer will pick them up and drop off a new batch.

To sign up and request your library materials, you need to have a valid library card from your respective library in the town in which you live and you need to complete a form which you may download and print by visiting www.InterfaithCommunityPartners.org and clicking on Services.

If you have further questions, please call the ICP office at 708-354-9328.

BEDS 6TH ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD EVENT



Please join us for the sixth annual Soup & Bread Event benefiting BEDS Plus. Sunday, January 28, 2018, 3-7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets, 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside.

Join us for this cozy, family friendly gathering featuring 16 restaurant partners, a variety of sweet table items, 5 musical acts and craft beer tasting. Tickets are \$25 per person. Children under 12 are free.

Tickets: <http://beds-plus.org/soup--bread-event.html>

WORD OF LIFE

“When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?”

Find out in “What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion” www.bit.ly/friendconsidering-abortion.
- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



JANUARY 18-26

Join thousands across the country coming together in prayer and action!

9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. A multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join and learn more at www.9daysforlife.com!

4 WAYS TO JOIN



Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

9daysforlife.com

BUDDY'S PLACE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Buddy's Place is Pillars Community Health's bereavement and grief support program for children ages 4-18 and their families. Volunteers can participate in training to help grieving families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Buddy's Place offers children and their caregiver(s) a safe and supportive group where they can express their grief and learn coping skills with others who have experienced similar losses.

Buddy's Place is accepting new volunteers to help support grieving children and their families in a variety of ways, including Greeters and Group Facilitators. To register for the training please fill out the Pillars Community Health volunteer application. The training is free with a one-year volunteer commitment. The training will be held in Western Springs.

Training Dates & Times:

- Tues., Feb. 20, 5:00-9:00 pm
- Tues., Feb 27, 5:00-9:00 pm
- Tues., March 6, 5:00-9:00 pm
- Mon., March 12, 5:00-9:00 pm
- Tues., March 13, 5:00-9:00 pm

If you are interested, please contact Michelle Halm at 708.995.3750 or email buddysplace@pchcares.org.

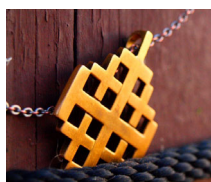
Youth Ministry

FRETUS IDENTITY RETREAT WAS AN AMAZING TIME!

Last weekend, 35 teens from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross came together on the Fretus Identity Retreat. We had a phenomenal time sharing our faith, meeting new friends, and participating in amazing outdoor activities, including downhill inner tube sledding, laser tag, GPS scavenger hunt, broom ball, ropes course with zip lining, and indoor activities of basketball, volleyball, a climbing wall, and gaga ball! We look forward to next year's retreat!



KAIROS 28 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!



If you are a Junior or Senior in High School, we invite you to sign up for this life-changing retreat. Applications are available on our parish website, youth.stcletusparish.com.

You may have heard lots of people talking about this retreat around school or amongst friends. Have an open mind and give it your whole heart. It will be an experience like no other. Taking the time to take a break from life for a weekend will be the most rewarding thing you can give yourself.

ENCOUNTER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

On Sunday, February 11th, join us for Happy Hour at Eve Assisting Living in Hinsdale. If you have a musical talent, or just the gift of gab, please join us to bring happiness and joy to the residents of this retirement center!

More details coming next week.

Religious Education

FAMILY EVENT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Make Lent
40 DAYS
OF AWESOME

Too often we dread the season of Lent – the thought of giving up your favorite food, television or video games makes people grumpy. Let's take a new look at Lent this year! There is a way to

make Lent 40 days of Awesome!

All Religious Education families are encouraged to attend our Family Event "Make Lent 40 Days of Awesome" in the Parish Center on Saturday, January 27th from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Come and play games, perform a service project, and do inter-active activities as a family, which are focused on Lent.

Please RSVP to bcampbell@stcletusparish.com or call (708) 352-2383 so that we can ensure we have the correct amount of materials. Please join us!!!

OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday, Feb. 1st Mandatory Confirmation Practice for all students and Sponsors in the Church 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3rd Sacrament of Confirmation at 1 p.m. in Church. All students and Sponsors arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

February 4 – 5 RE Classes for ECRE and Gr. 1-7

February 11-12 RE Classes for Special Needs, ECRE, and Grades 1-8. Love Day event for 4th Grade

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is returning to St. Cletus this summer! This year's theme is Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus, and will occur on June 18-22, 2018.

Registrations will begin at the end of January. Stay tuned for more details!

Other Ministry News

BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER



Have you thought about being a lector, an usher, or a communion minister? Give me a call - Paulette Bolton (708) 215-5422

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"

During the last few weeks, many parish families received a letter from Cardinal Cupich requesting your participation by making a pledge to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal supports both Parish and Archdiocesan ministries and services. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Come, Follow Me." We have all received God's love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God's love to many, many others. Thank you for your generous support.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

Donate Online *Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically?*

It is **SO EASY!** Visit the St. Cletus Parish website at 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.

GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME

Our parish Wedding Ministry is looking for a few folks who would like to join them in celebrating this joyous sacrament. It involves pairing with another minister and walking the bridal party through the wedding rehearsal (about 45min.-1hr. usually the evening before the wedding) and then setting up and being present to assist the day of the wedding (about 1½-2 hrs.). Simple training is provided. Since weddings are scheduled throughout the year, your service is based on your availability. Please consider being a part of this joyful ministry. Contact Paulette Bolton for more info at 708.215.5422 or pbolton@stcletusparish.com.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

This year's Ed Ward Fine Arts Series Cabaret Fundraiser will be held in the St. Cletus Parish Center on Friday, February 9th. Doors open at 7:30, music begins at 8pm. Cabaret is always a fun event and this year is shaping up to be one that you won't want to miss. Tony Kidonakis is back on piano with Shana Petrone on vocals and Jeff Snyder returns on the sax! With that line up, it's sure to be a great time!

Admission includes beer, wine, snacks, and entertainment. \$40 with RSVP, \$45 at the door. RSVP online at www.edwardfas.com/cabaret-rsvp

We'll also have a split the pot, raffles and other fun ways to support the Fine Arts Series. This is our only fundraiser of the year. We hope to see you there!



FRIDAY, FEB. 9

MUSIC BEGINS AT 8PM, DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM



The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out “Repent!” before he calls his new followers. “Come after me,” Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today’s Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalms — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17;
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Saturday: St. Angela Merici; Blessed Virgin Mary

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, “Ons Lieve Heer op Solder.” What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and “de-Catholicized” them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed “Old Church” by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work “hiding” St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It’s a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there’s no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

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

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

MARK 1:14-15





St. Cletus Parishioners,

For over 65 years, St. Cletus Parish has served the communities of La Grange, Countryside, LaGrange Highlands, Burr Ridge, Justice, Willowbrook, Willow Springs, Hodgkins, and Western Springs. Proudly we have dedicated our hearts, efforts, and faith to our mission of spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service. As of today, we serve over 2,700 families, including over 800 children through our parish school and religious education programs. Our community possesses over 50 diverse and dynamic ministry and faith groups, providing hundreds of opportunities to engage actively in the communal and spiritual life of the parish.

I am consistently struck by the generosity and dedication of our parishioners. Five years ago, we began phase I of *Living Our Faith, Building Our Future*. Because of the remarkable stewardship present in this parish, we raised over \$3.1 million to erect the parish center. Our new home is almost complete. As you may be aware, there are some key furnishings that are not currently in the parish center. To establish the center as a fully operational and functioning facility, the final phase must commence. I invite you to join the efforts to complete the St. Cletus Parish Center.

Thank you for your continued investment in and concern for the future of our parish life. I am confident in our collective ability to fulfill our original vision and secure our parish for a bright and holy future. I ask that you keep the campaign and St. Cletus in your prayers.

Warmly yours in Christ,

Father Bob Clark

Community Bulletin Board

JOYFUL AGAIN



Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.

"I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."

March 3 & 4, 2018 OLA Retreat House, Lemont
(Overnight incl.- no commuters.)

April 21 & 22, 2018 Presence/Holy Family Med Ctr.
(No overnight available here.)

For more info contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry.
Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com,
website: www.joyfulagain.org (Short video on website.)

IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.

HEALING THE HOLY LAND

The Peace in Palestine Committee of La Grange is excited to welcome Dr. Khadra Salami and Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya on Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Khadra Salami
A Palestinian pediatric oncologist at Augusta Victoria Lutheran Hospital



Dr. Sa'ar Hashavya
Head of the Pediatric Emergency department at Israel's Hadassah Hospital

Join us as these amazing physicians share stories and discuss their work together saving lives, developing Palestinian healthcare capacity and building bridges to peace. Grace Lutheran Church of La Grange • 200 N. Catherine, La Grange.

LTHS TRIVIA NIGHT

February 3, 2018 - Hosted by LTHS Booster Club & PTC

Support your local high school at our Trivia Night Fundraiser. Doors open at 6 pm, Questions at 7 pm. The event will be held at Via Bella, 5412 S. LaGrange Rd., Countryside. Please register teams by January 21st. Buy tickets online at: ltboosters.com/shop-support/

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Beatitudes of Peace - Facilitated by Jackie Schmitz, CSJ. Meets Thursdays Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1-2:30 PM. Advance registration requested. Cost \$120.

The Well Coffeehouse Feelin' Groovy Fun-raiser - Friday, Feb. 2, 7-10PM. Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

Journey to Easter - Monday, Feb. 12 7-8:30 PM. Facilitated by Marianne Race, CSJ. Cost: \$15.

Ash Wednesday Prayer "Remember You Are Stardust!" Wednesday, Feb. 14 7-8 PM. Prayer, distribution of ashes and a reflection from Carol Crepeau, CSJ. Cost: Free will offering

1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. www.csjthewell.org

COMBONI MISSION

The Comboni Fathers of LaGrange Park invite you, to join them on a fifteen day Mission Trip to Uganda May 31 - June 14, 2018. If you are interested in joining, please contact them at 708.354.1999 or cmcoffice@sbcglobal.net.

PORTIUNCULA CENTER PROGRAMS

The Portiuncula Center for Prayer is offering many February and March programs. Please visit their website for program details at www.portforprayer.org. Register by calling 815.464.3880, emailing info@portforprayer.org, or on their website. Portiuncula Center for Prayer 9263 W St. Francis Road Frankfort, IL 60423.

REFLECT RETREAT



Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Looking to start 2018 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 March 2-4, 2018. Take a chance and get involved... this is one New Year's resolution you won't regret! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Call (630) 222-8303, e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

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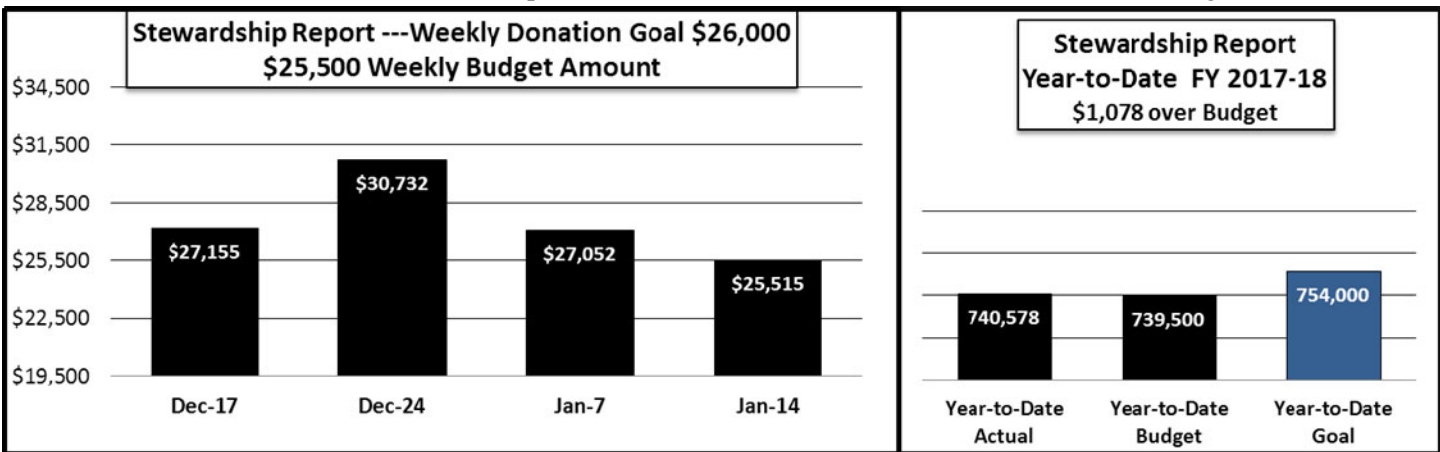
Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.

Week at a Glance

| DAY/DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| Sunday, January 21 | 9:15am 11:00am | School Church | Religious Education Classes Resume Family Mass |
| Monday, January 22 | 6:00pm 8:30pm 9:00pm | School PC Gym Morrissey Hall | Religious Education Classes Resume Men's Basketball Boy's Church League Basketball |
| Tuesday, January 23 | 6:30pm 9:00pm | Rectory PC Gym | RCIA Boys' Church League Basketball |
| Wednesday, January 24 | 9:00am 9:00pm | Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym | Mission Ladies Boy's Church League Basketball |
| Thursday, January 25 | 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm | School Music Rm Parish Center Mtg Rm PC Gym | Children's Choir SVDP Boy's Church League Basketball |
| Friday, January 26 | | | |
| Saturday, January 27 | | | RE Family Event - "Make Lent 40 Days of Awesome" |
| Sunday, January 28 | 10:30am | School | Catholic Schools Week Open House |

Stewardship Report

Thank you to all those who gave so generously to our Christmas collection. Your contributions of over \$205,000 will help us continue to meet our financial commitments and obligations.



YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2017 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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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

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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