

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear
with him in glory.
— Colossians 3:4



Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

WHY DO YOU SEEK
THE LIVING ONE
AMONG THE DEAD?

HE IS NOT HERE, BUT HE HAS BEEN RAISED.

~ Luke 24:5-6



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 22 - 28, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Domenica Frasca, George O'Connell
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper, Edward Condon, Christine Joyce
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Miller, Josephine Felice
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Jim Mullaney, Scott Parisi, Mary Grace Parisi, Apolonia Zagrodnik, Special Intention - Z. Gajos
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Chris Petrowski Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Ken Kakareka, Jim Deslauriers, Patrick O'Connell, Chris Petrowski, Joseph Naponiello
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Baker Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	John & Frances Kennedy, Patrick Mahoney, George Duda, Michael Snyder, Dave Sipek Stacey Baker, Edith King Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale Nathan Egert, Robert Smith St. Cletus Parishioners

FACILITIES CLOSED APRIL 22

St. Cletus Parish Facilities will be closed on Monday, April 22nd, after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Please note that our Parish Offices are located in the Parish Center. Food Pantry remains in the Rectory.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

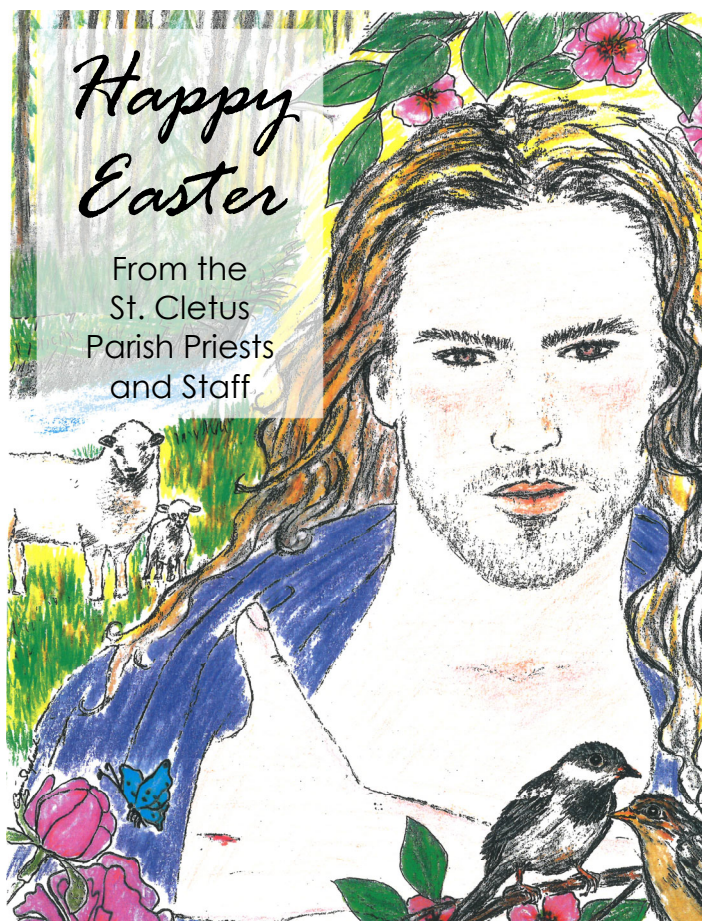
We always welcome names for the sick. Please note that requests must only be made by the individual or an immediate family member. Names will remain in this prayer list for 3 months.

April - Frank Colonna, Margaret Pirman, Rosario Martinez, Ann Scheer, Laura Terrazino

March - Ted Buczek, Johnson Dy, Gene Gajos, Nancy Gibson, Norman Kwak, Kathryn McCord, Jackie Schickel, Nicole Will-Montemagni

February - Joan Clark, John Duda, Alice Dunkovich, Ola Maveety, George Sedlacek, Rachael Schopp, Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek, Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera, Dr. Max Scheyerer, Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso, Cherie Franzen, Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer, John Sheil, Michael Stoinski, Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka, Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley

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



Artwork by parishioner Bonnie Scepkowski.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

EASTER SUNDAY 2019

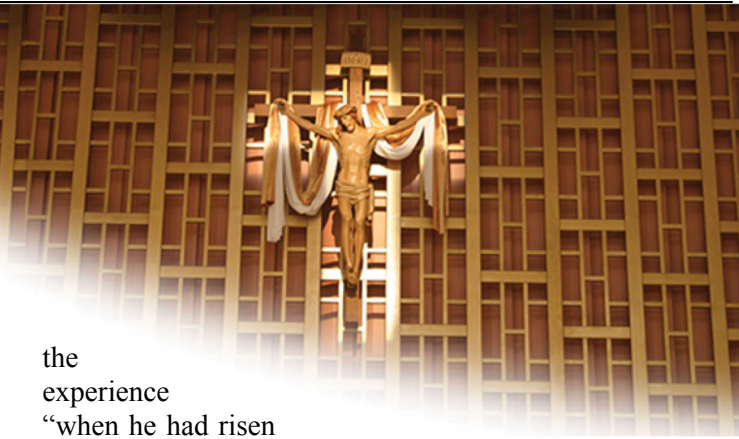
“There but for the grace of God,” we may say when faced with a human disaster or tragedy. What we say less often is how God’s grace works through and in the midst of such catastrophes. Yet for the outsider, the nonbeliever, this is often the crux of the matter. How can a good God allow such dreadful things to happen to innocent people? This pictures God as a sort of friendly wizard, who performs magic in response to prayer and good behavior.

People who have faced life’s tragedies emerge with very different stories and very different perceptions. Some dismiss God from the experience altogether. As one Holocaust survivor said: “I was in the camps, and I can tell you, God was not there.” Others tell a different story. They only survived, they say, because of one or two individuals who hung on to their humanity and ensured that others were looked after. They seemed to have endless resources of energy and imagination, despite their harsh predicament. They always had bits of food to pass on, the odd blanket or coat to make the cold more bearable. They seemed to know who was most in need at any given time and to direct their concern towards them.

In the midst of a world where most human goodness failed, they stood out like green shoots. Sometimes they survived. Many did not. But some of those they helped survived, and with them survived the overwhelming sense of goodness that was not overcome by evil but grew and blossomed despite and even through it.

The books of the New Testament would not have been written if Jesus had not risen from the dead. It is clear from the resurrection stories that the disciples would have mourned the passing of their crucified Lord. They would have gathered together in his memory for a short time and then drifted apart, going back to their old ways. The stories begin with their disappointment and sadness. They are aware too of their failure.

For Peter and the beloved disciples, this begins to change, not through a direct experience of the risen Lord, but with their encounter with the empty tomb. They could have come up with all sorts of reasons as to why the tomb should be empty. Needless to say, their enemies and others down through the ages have done precisely that. But the experience put them back in touch with what Jesus had taught them. Time and again he had made reference to his rising from the dead. When they accompanied him up the mountain and experienced his transfiguration, he told them they would only understand



the
experience
“when he had risen
from the dead”.

Despair and disappointment are replaced by hope and a new vision. It is now their task to proclaim what has happened as the touchstone for all Jesus said and did in his life. All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven and will receive the gift of new life from his Father.

Our celebration of Easter puts us in touch with the saving power of Christ. We remember what he did for us, and we remember the truth the disciples faced: that he must rise from the dead for it all to make sense. When faced with the trials of life – light for some, burdensome for others – we are offered the same opportunity as the disciples.

Can we allow the risen Lord to accompany us through our sufferings to new life? Or will we fail to see his outstretched hand? There is always a choice. Most of us fortunately do not have to undergo the depths of suffering experienced by Jesus himself or those who underwent experiences such as the Holocaust. But we are asked to be open to believing in his power to transform our lives.

If we are open to his new life, then we in our turn can become like the good Samaritans who emerge in moments of crisis and are there for others. It is a gift, a grace. Touched by it, we will no longer be saying “there but for the grace of God”. The grace of God will be empowering us to walk simply alongside those in need. We will have become the instruments of the risen Lord, offering his forgiveness and healing to all we meet. The world will be the landscape of God’s infinite mercy, redeemed and brought to new life.

Easter Blessings to Alleluia!



***Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor***

Parish School



ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

April 25 School Resumes
 May 11 First Communion
 May 14 Take a Look Tuesday Open House

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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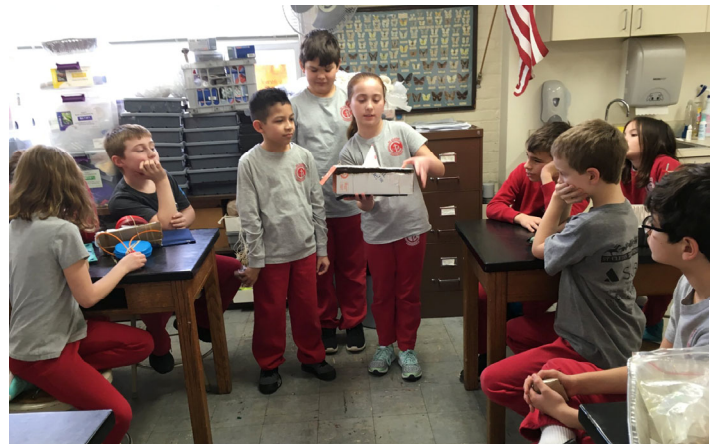


EASTER EGG HUNT

Our younger students got a head start on some fun Easter activities, including an egg hunt. Thank you to our volunteers who were responsible for the many squeals and smiles of delight.

PRAYER SERVICE - WASHING OF THE FEET

"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do." John 13:15-16. Our 1st grade students beautifully presented the washing of the feet at last week's prayer service. Photos courtesy of Sara Hodak Photography.



5TH GRADE SCIENCE

After studying the greenhouse effect, our fifth graders prepared a slide presentation to describe the effect, its components, and suggestions for improving our Earth. To enhance their communication skills, they presented their findings to our second grade students.

3RD GRADE SCIENCE LAB

Our third graders recently experimented with the size and weight of "meteorites" to observe the width and depth of the crater created when the meteorite crashed to the Earth from space. To protect our planet from this type of catastrophe, they designed and built meteorite protectors based on their earlier findings.

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Easter 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we walk on our life journeys in this world, we may often feel overwhelmed. Struggle and suffering can mark our lives because of health issues, job insecurity, family concerns, or the painful loss of a loved one. The world itself, in Saint Paul's words, "has been groaning" (Roman 8:22), as it struggles with wars, violence, ecological degradation, economic injustice, and natural disasters. And as we are keenly aware this past year, the Church herself has struggled mightily with the shameful legacy of abuse and its mismanagement.

It seems that the landscape of our lives is entirely shaped by struggle and suffering. And that might seem to be the sum and substance of it all, but, in faith, we know that it is not. Our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection in this Easter season opens our eyes beyond this desperate landscape to a new and hope-filled horizon. There is more to the story than our struggle and suffering. In the Resurrection of Jesus, we can begin to see a new life ahead of us that God offers to us.

As we go forth in this Easter season, I am reminded of the great Psalm 118 that the Church so often prays:

*I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
and has been my savior.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (vv. 13-15)*

May this Easter season renew within you and your loved ones the conviction that God is your helper and an abiding awareness of your victory in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cupich".

Archbishop of Chicago

Social Concerns Ministry



ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Dry pinto beans (1-3 lb. bags)
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pasta (ravioli, spaghetti)
- Baking items and boxed mixes

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).

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

Open House May 4-5



Join us after Masses May 4-5 for our Food Pantry Open House.

Volunteers and staff will be available to help give tours, provide information about services, and answer questions.



St. Cletus Food Pantry

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

Roll Red Roll Film Screening

Friday, April 26 at 6:00pm
Sacred Heart Church-Ministry Center
8245 W. 111th St. Palos Hills, IL 60465

At a pre-season football party in Steubenville, Ohio, a heinous crime took place: the assault of a teenage girl by members of the beloved high school football team. What transpired would garner national attention and result in the sentencing of two key offenders. But it was the disturbing social media evidence uncovered online by crime blogger Alex Goddard that provoked the most powerful questions about the case, and about the collusion of teen bystanders, teachers, parents and coaches to protect the assailants and discredit the victim. As it painstakingly reconstructs the night of the crime and its aftermath, Roll Red Roll uncovers the engrained rape culture at the heart of the incident, acting as a cautionary tale about what can happen when teenage social media bullying runs rampant and adults look the other way. The film unflinchingly asks: “why didn’t anyone stop it?” The film is 80 minutes. Parental Discretion is advised.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
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www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

Domestic Violence General Contact 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 purple box on the left. You are not alone.

WORD OF LIFE



“Those who die in God’s grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Clean your closets. Change lives forever.



Do you need a nudge to clean those closets and kitchen cabinets as summer approaches? The St. Cletus Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a clothing and small kitchen items drive to support the good works of the Society.

The thrift store truck will be in our Parking Lot on

Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 5 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Please mark your calendars and spread the word.

Items we will accept:

- Clean clothing, including shoes.
- Small kitchen items (i.e. dishes, pots and pans, glassware, flatware, serving pieces)
- Please bag all items

Remember, your donations not only help clothe and provide household goods to those struggling, but the revenue your donations generate may also help prevent eviction, keep the heat and electric on, and food on the table for your neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity! *Tax donation receipts will be available.

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Career Center Open House

Wednesday, May 1, 7pm – 9pm

First Baptist Church, 20 N Ashland Ave, La Grange

The CRC is a volunteer-staffed resource where job seekers receive assistance with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation and electronic job search skills including LinkedIn...a powerful tool that will help energize your job search. These services are available at no cost on the 1st Wednesday of each month. No appointment is needed. Just ring the doorbell at the Ashland Avenue Office entrance; Interfaith Career Network is here to help you.

Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further info, please visit: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.

LENTEN OUTREACH

Rice Bowls are due - Rice Bowls were due last weekend, but it's not too late! They can be still be dropped into the collection basket or taken to the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity in serving others this Lenten season.

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Volunteer Opportunity - Join us Mother's Day weekend May 11-12! Volunteers will serve at a table in the Church Narthex welcoming and thanking people, helping collect donated baby items, and selling carnations. Donated items will benefit the moms and babies at our local Women's Care Center and proceeds from carnation sales will help support our Area Respect Life Ministry. Thank you! Visit <http://bit.ly/2TDpqnN> to sign up!

Mother's Day Baby Shower - The Area Respect Life Ministry is hosting the 28th annual Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale in the Church Narthex after all Masses May 11-12. All gifts collected will be distributed to mothers and babies in need in our own parish community and the Women's Care Center right here in LaGrange.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Newborn onesies (boys/girls)
- 3T/4T/5T summer clothing (boys/girls)
- Desitin
- Baby wash, shampoo, lotion
- Swaddle blankets
- Muslin blankets
- Fitted crib sheets
- Diapers (size 3-6)
- Breastfeeding pillows

All items should be new. Please do not wrap gift donations. Thank you!

May those nearing life's end find comfort, strength & peace in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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Sunday Notes



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HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch—Passover! *Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques!* Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens' Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: "Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!" Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter; Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Julian Calendar Good Friday; Arbor Day

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed, decorated, and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."

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IMMORTAL HOPE

Immortal hope dispels the gloom!

An angel sits beside the tomb.

—Sarah Flowers Adams

Religious Education

EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE!

May the joys and blessings of this Easter season be with your family all year long! Our Lenten season was filled with many opportunities to serve others, including our Good Neighbor Food Drive to help to restock our Food Pantry, and making Easter Story Snack Mix, Jelly Bean Prayers, and Stained Glass Crosses for our homebound parishioners. Our students all participated in different prayer opportunities, including our 5th Grade presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. Everyone was challenged to find a new way to fast from things that keep us from being close to God. Our last class before Easter had our Early Childhood students (and their 5th Grade Buddies) and our Special Needs class celebrating Holy Week through a variety of activities together. Please enjoy the photos of our service projects and Holy Week activities!



WE RETURN TO RE CLASSES ON APRIL 28 AND 29

The next few weeks are very busy for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. The children are learning their special Communion Song which will be sung at the Communion Celebrations on May 11th, and preparing for their First Communion Masses on May 11th and 12th. Please keep all those who are preparing for Sacraments of Initiation in your prayers in the coming weeks!

REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020 RE IS OPEN!

Registration forms can be found online at stcletusparish.com/re or in the Parish Center Office or Religious Education Office. We have classes for Grades 1-8 on Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. and on Monday evenings from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Our early childhood program is for children 3 years old – Kindergarten, and they meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We also have a Special Needs program for children in 1st-8th Grade, which takes place on two Sunday mornings a month in the Parish Center from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will also offer a Teen Seeker program, which is a Confirmation program for students who have been away from Religious Education, and are in 8th Grade or High School. Teen Seekers meets every Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 28/29 Regular RE Classes in Session, Special Needs in Parish Center, Buddy Event for Early Childhood, 1st Gr, 2nd Gr, 5th Gr, 7th Gr, and 8th Gr. Last Day of Class. FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS DUE.

May 2 Optional First Communion Photos

May 7 First Communion Practice for 10:30 a.m. Mass – in Church from 6:30-8 p.m.

May 8 First Communion Practice for 1 p.m. Mass – in Church from 6:30-8 p.m.

May 11th First Communion Masses for 2nd Grade – 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Masses

May 12th First Communion Masses for students in Grades 3-7 at the 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses

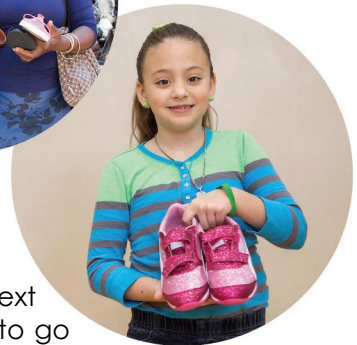
For more information, please contact Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education
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April 27 & 28

Give shoes. Give love.

Repurpose your new and gently-worn shoes to help Wear Out Poverty around the globe.

The shoes you no longer want, create opportunities people need.



Clean out your closets and donate!

Deacon Stuart and Marlene are again organizing a Used Shoe drive next weekend, April 27/28, before and after all masses. This a great time to go through your shoe racks, closets etc. and donate any gently used footwear that are excess to your requirements or are too small for your growing children.

Please join Brighton Collectible and Soles4Souls as they partner to collect and distribute shoes for those in need. Many of the shoes will go to places in the United States like battered women's shelters, those affected by national disasters or the impoverished around the world.

All different types of footwear are needed, shoes for young children and adults. The gently worn shoes can be rubber banded or tied so that pairs can stay together. Once shoes are collected, they are boxed and shipped to the designated Soles4Souls distribution center. Jerry Kohl, the owner of Brighton Collectibles pays the shipping cost.

Please open your hearts and look through your closets. Your time and effort will help so many!

Thank You - Deacon Stuart & Marlene Heyes

p.s. - PLEASE BE SURE TO TIE, STRAP, OR BAND EACH PAIR TOGETHER - THANK YOU

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed 35 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes in 127 countries. Soles4Souls is a four-star charity rated by Charity Navigator



Visit online at soles4souls.org | On social media @Soles4Souls   

Other Ministry News

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 17-21, 2019

9a.m. – 12 noon each day

Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building

Are you ready to roar? Head out on an African adventure and create a stampede of fun at this year's vacation bible school (VBS). All children in grades K-5 next September are invited to join us for this awesome week of fun and games! Complete a registration form online at stcletusparish.com/vbs, or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office.

VBS LEADERS



Once again St. Cletus Parish is looking for special volunteers who will help us to host a week of Summer Fun! Together we will engage our parish children in activities, games, crafts, music, a movie and other fun faith activities! **Adult leaders** facilitate the sessions and **Jr. High and High School** age students lead our groups of children during the Vacation Bible School. It is a *great opportunity for service experiences* as well. The dates and hours are: **June 17-21, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Please consider joining us. Contact the RE Office at 708.352.2383 or bcampbell@stcletusparish.com for more information.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The Holy Name Society wishes to thank all who attended and helped support their Pancake Breakfast as well as the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Next CCW Event: May Crowning on Wednesday, May 15th in church at 7pm. We will share some prayers & a special moment with The Blessed Mary then head to the Gallagher room for meeting & refreshments. All ladies are welcome so come check us out & show your devotion to Mary in the month of May.

Save the Date: Saturday, June 22nd - Women's Spiritual Retreat at St. Cletus!

ST. CLETUS PARISH FALL FEST



Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Fall Fest, September 5-8, 2019. We're excited to bring back this wonderful event to our parish featuring live music, carnival rides, beer garden, food vendors and more.

ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS



*Join us for the
final concert
of the 2018-19
Season*



Ed Ward
FINE ARTS SERIES
AT ST. CLETUS - LA GRANGE, IL

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 4:00PM

A MUSICAL THEATER REVIEW
FROM THE 1940S TO TODAY
WITH GAYLE BISESI & NICK FALCO

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
600 W. 55TH ST. LA GRANGE
FREE ADMISSION

Community Bulletin Board

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park. To register online and see complete list of our programs visit www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Wildflowers and Carnivorous Plants at the Indiana Dunes Wednesday, May 1, 8:15 AM – 5 PM Facilitators: NPS Ranger Kim Swift and Mary Fishman - Celebrate May Day with a ranger-guided leisurely walk in a dunes forest blanketed with spring flowers. After a picnic lunch by the lake, experience a hidden bog, which happens to be an incredible habitat for unique, carnivorous plants. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation). Advance registration required.

Tending the Holy...Letting Be, Letting Go, Letting Come Thursday, May 2, 7-9 PM Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM - Drawing from poetry, scripture, and the lived experience of women on a spiritual path, we will glean some of the wisdom of the Spirit. Come, listen for ways to “let be, let go, and let come” as we turn over the soil of our everyday lives, make room for new growth, and welcome the season of Spring! Cost: Free to members of co-sponsoring parishes SFX and SJC

Sparking Creativity – An Introduction to the Artist’s Way Saturday, May 11, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Facilitator: Carol Hohle - Get a taste of the creative journey that Julia Cameron recommends in “The Artist’s Way – A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity.” Bring your writing journal, pen, and sense of adventure and come engage with several exercises from this best-selling book. Cost: \$30

JOYFUL AGAIN!



Retreat for Widowed Men and Women. All are welcome. Family and friends can’t even imagine how different your life is now. Joyful Again! is a program designed to help the widowed sort out these changes and learn to find joy in living again while treasuring memories of their spouse. Dates/locations: June 22 & 23 St. Julie’s in Tinley Park, July 20 & 21 Holy Family in Inverness, August 10 & 11 Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst. For info or to register call 708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com. Website: www.joyfulagain.org.

THE AID FOR WOMEN AUXILIARY - WEST CHAPTER SPRING EVENING

Join us Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 6:00 pm at the Oak Park Country Club, 2001 Thatcher Ave., River Grove, IL.

To Benefit Aid for Women Pregnancy Care Centers and Residential Programs. Featured Speaker - Ashley Bratcher. Heroic actress Ashley Bratcher plays the lead role as Abby Johnson in the film Unplanned (2019), the true story of Johnson’s inspiring transformation from Planned Parenthood clinic director to pro-life activist. For more information and reservations, visit the event page at www.helpaidforwomen.org/springevening2019 or contact us at (312)621-1107 or info@aidforwomen.org.

HARMONY, HOPE AND HEALING

Harmony, Hope and Healing will be holding their annual fundraising event, Heart Beat 2019 on Sunday, April 28, 2019, honoring Illinois Supreme Court Justice, Anne Burke, for her advocacy work for children with disabilities. The event will be hosted by NBC5 reporter, LeeAnn Trotter and will feature music by the Harmony, Hope and Healing choir, Rich Daniels and Dean Rolando from the City Lights Orchestra of Chicago. This year’s event will take place beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Galleria Marchetti, located at 825 W Erie St. Chicago, IL, 60642, featuring a reception and lunch. Harmony Hope and Healing uses music to heal and build confidence for vulnerable individuals and families. Tickets are currently on sale for \$100 for adults, \$65 for students per ticket. To purchase tickets, learn about sponsorship opportunities and for further information go to harmonyhopeandhealing.org. You can also RSVP by calling 312-466-0267, please RSVP by April 19th.

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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, there are early deadlines for some holiday bulletins.

ST. CLETUS CARDINAL OPEN GOLF OUTING JUNE 2

Join us for the 2019 Golf Outing! Sign up and pay by April 30th for our early bird price of \$100 per golfer. After April 30 the price will be \$125. Price includes: Golf, cart, lunch, drinks on the course and buffet dinner with open bar.



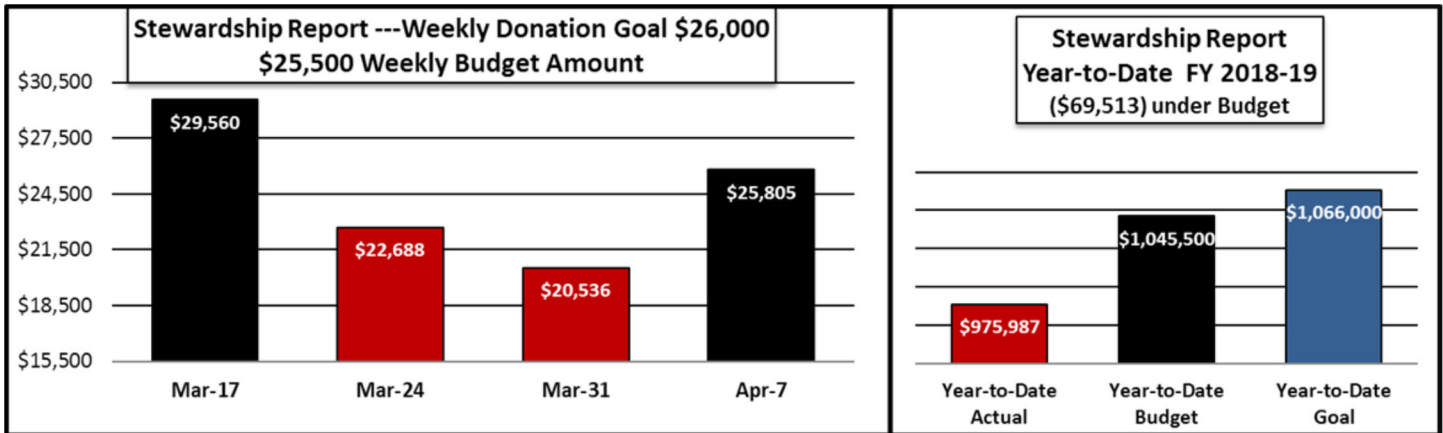
Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 21	7:00am	Church	Easter Sunday Mass
	8:00am	Church	Easter Sunday Mass
	9:30am	Church	Easter Sunday Mass
	11:00am	Church	Easter Sunday Mass
	12:30am	Church	Easter Sunday Mass in Spanish
Monday, April 22			Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, April 23	8:00pm	Parish Center Gym	Girls Church League Practice
Wednesday, April 24	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, April 25	5:00pm	School Music Room	Children's Choir
Friday, April 26	8:30am	Narthex	Hospitality for Feast of St. Cletus
Saturday, April 27	5:00pm	Narthex	Ministry of Care Shoe Drive
Sunday, April 28	7:00am	Narthex	Ministry of Care Shoe Drive
	3:00pm	Church	Bi-lingual Celebration for Divine Mercy
	4:00pm	Parish Center	Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus Concert

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Due to the early printing of the Canticle the April 14 Giving Report will be published in the April 28 bulletin.



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PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new parish center 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 most months at 11:00 a.m.
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Parish office. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

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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