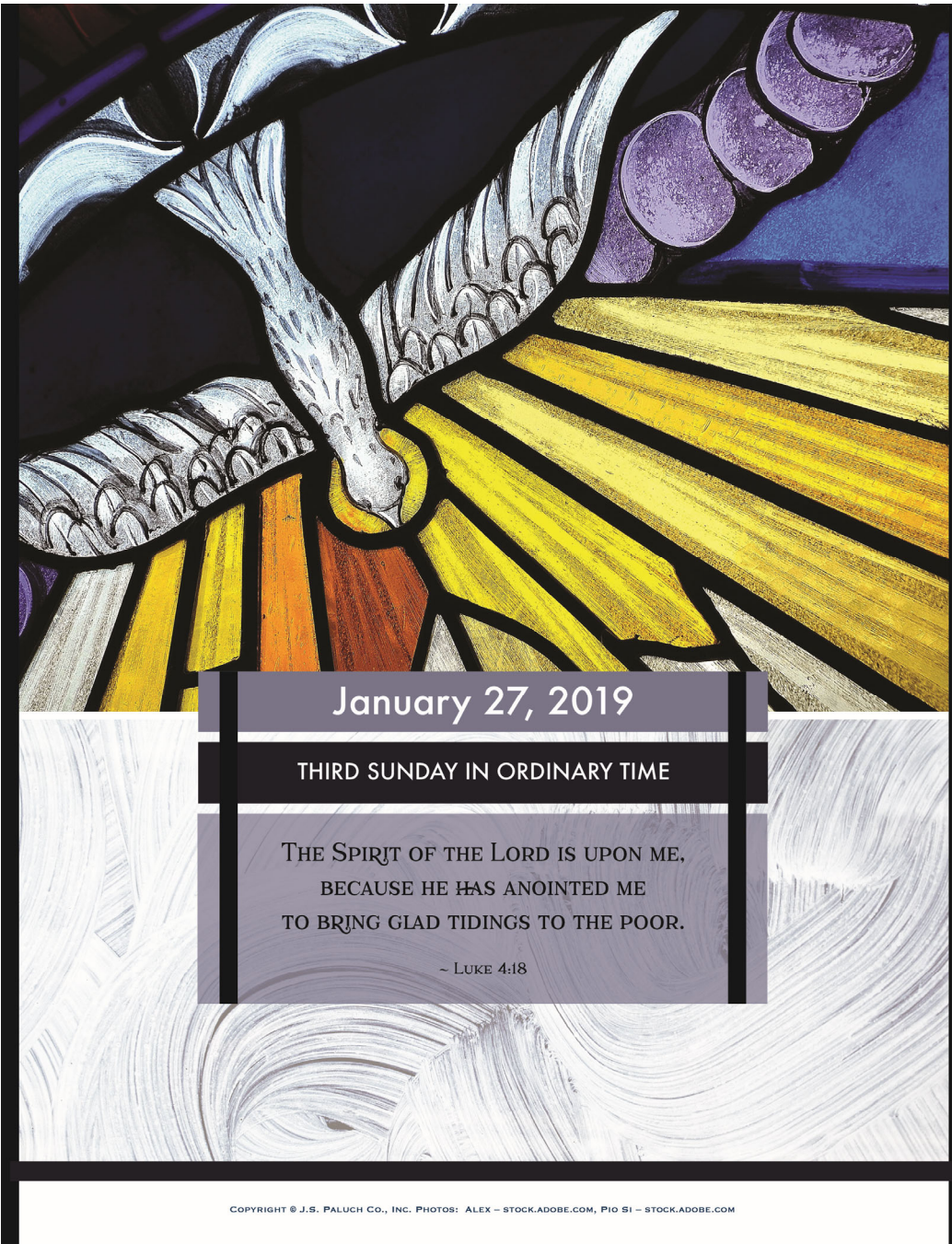


# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Your words, Lord,  
are Spirit and life.  
- Psalm 19



January 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME  
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR.

- LUKE 4:18

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 3, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	John E. Cooper
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	9:00 a.m.	Russ Evans, John E. Cooper
Wednesday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, John E. Cooper, Patrick O'Connell
Thursday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Patrick O'Connell
Friday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Jesus Murillo
Saturday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Pat Maley, Joseph & Kay Klemak Lynn Shevlin, Patrick O'Connell, Ken Kakareka, Jack Lamberty
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa 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.	St. Cletus Parishioners Stacy Baker, Ricciardone & Calandriello Families Len Wehrmeister, David Bestwina, Dr. Paul Lawler, Robert Thomas Taylor Johnson, Karen Gorak, Rosemarie Engler Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

#### Maureen Rita Baker

Mother of Eileen Dorchinecz

#### Eileen McMillin

Mother of the late Donald, Thomas, Michael, Terrence,  
James, Eileen, and John

#### Dr. James J. Schuler

Husband of Catherine

May they rest in peace. Amen.

### CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION



This weekend there are envelopes in the pews for the Collection for the Church in Latin America!

Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church

and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection!

To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## Marriage Banns



Marjorie Price & Larrie Mack

### 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** - Frank Colonna, Ronald Kruczek,  
Daniella DeRivera, Gloria Rivera

**December** - Eleanor Artemenko, Gerda E. Dorso,  
Cherie Franzen, Gene Gajos, Jim McLamore,  
Patricia Rodey, Ron Ramsey, Anne Scheer,  
Rachael Schopp, Dr. James Schuler, Dr. Max Scheyerer,  
John Sheil, Dave Sipek, Michael Stoinski

**November** - Charles Fiipek, Virginia Gebka,  
Yesenia Guzman, Sharon Smilanich, Jean Weekley,  
Kimberly & Tony Fox, Susan Grace, John Duda,  
Laura Biesadecki, Lee Ascencio, Mary Benka,  
Paul DeRivera, Nikki Howell, Ada Medina, Leo Rivera,  
Bill Tortorello, Joan Clark, Rosario Martinez,  
Frank Niwa, Laura Terrazino, Nicole Will Montemagni,  
Bonnie Boerste, Helen Brennan, Dr. Larry Bernstein

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



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

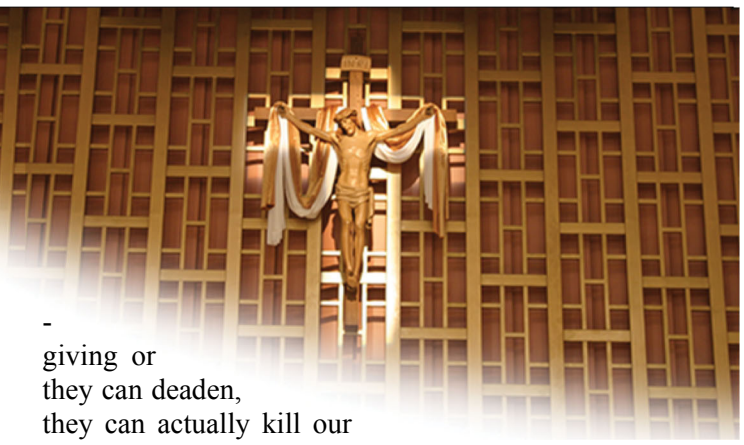
Recently, there was an advertising campaign which I saw that consisted of poster which, on the face of it, didn't make sense. In huge letters, these posters asked questions like: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ACCOUNTANT? Or: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE LAWYER? Seemingly daft questions – who - among us has a favorite financial advisor or legal representative? What was the point of these advertisements? Well, in very small letters in the bottom corner of each poster, was the simple statement: “Everyone remembers their favorite teacher”. It was a clever campaign: this recruitment drive to encourage people to prepare themselves as teachers appealed neither to money, nor to power, but to the real and lasting impression teachers can make on young people.

Usually, what makes teachers memorable or influential isn't the fact that they're particularly brilliant scientists, linguists, or whatever. Even if we never remember a thing about the subjects our favorite teachers taught, we will always remember the kind of people they were, the values that they lived by, the witness they gave. The readings today reflect something of the power of the teacher's character.

The teacher in the first reading is God himself. It is his teaching, his Law which is read out and explained to the people. Through this Law, God's character is revealed. God teaches who He is, the kind of God he is. This moves the people to tears – perhaps as they realize just how far short of God's Law they have fallen. But God brings joy, not sorrow into our lives. The people are told: EAT THE FAT AND DRINK THE SWEET WINE. The presence of God causes us to rejoice, be happy, to celebrate. That is the fitting response to God. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRONGHOLD, the bedrock of our lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus deliberately chooses a scriptural text which reveals the essence of who he is and what his mission is. That passage from Isaiah shows how Jesus understands himself. It also explains the kind of impression Jesus made on the people: he is a man full of God's spirit, a man who brings good news to those in need of it; someone who sets free those who are imprisoned or held in slavery; a man who brings light into the darkness of people's lives; a man who raises up those who are oppressed and weighed down. Even if people never remembered a thing of what Jesus said or taught, this is how they would describe him, this is the lasting impression he made on those who knew him.

Teachers – like the words they speak or write – can be life



-  
giving or  
they can deaden,  
they can actually kill our  
spirit. We know that we have a genuine  
relationship with God when we can say – like today's  
psalm – that God is someone who revives me, whom I can  
trust; that the presence of Christ in my life gives joy to my  
heart and light to my eyes. The authenticity of our faith –  
of our encounter with God – will be seen in the effects  
that encounter has on our lives.

It is said that we come to resemble the God we worship. Our lives are – to some extent – the book which others will read to learn about God. When people look at my life, what will be the lasting impression they have of God? Are we people who are life-giving? Do we reflect God's peace and joy through our words, our actions, our values? Can we genuinely say that the Lord's spirit has been given to us? Can we say that we too are good news to the poor, that in our lives we are known as people who set others free, and bring light to dark situations and places?

In many ways, the hardest place to bear witness to God is in our daily lives, among people who know us, with are warts and all. Jesus chose his home town of Nazareth to proclaim who he was. Our witness, if it is to be effective, must start with the people of our own community, our own town, our own family. That is where we find God and where we are called to give witness to God – among the people who make up our daily lives now. Anything else is unreal. Jesus said: “this text is being fulfilled... even as you listen.” It was being fulfilled through him, through the kind of person he was. The challenge for us is to fulfill that text today, to make it real, and to live it out. Let us try to be like Christ, and bring joy and life to the people we are sent to. May that be the lasting impression we make on the world around us.

*Peace and Joy,*



*Fr. Bob Clark*  
*Pastor*

# Parish School



### ST. CLETUS SCHOOL DATES TO NOTE

January 27 .....Catholic Schools Week Open House  
 January 28 ..... Queen of Hearts Drawing  
 March 30 ..... Spring Auction

### 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



## ST. CLETUS Queen of Hearts RAFFLE



**BUY TICKETS DAILY AT KENNY'S IRISH PUB.**

**DRAWINGS MONDAYS AT 7PM AT KENNY'S.**

### THE ST. CLETUS QUEEN OF HEARTS 50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS...

Visit Kenny's Irish Pub and buy your tickets today for the next drawing at 7pm on Monday, January 28.

**Raffle Details:** In cooperation with Kenny's Irish Pub, St. Cletus is running a 50/50 raffle to benefit St. Cletus School. Tickets can be purchased at Kenny's Irish Pub on 55<sup>th</sup> Street in Countryside for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle draw will take place every Monday night at Kenny's until the Queen of Hearts is found. The tickets do not roll over week to week, but the Pot DOES! Get your tickets at Kenny's today! (Winner need not be present to win).

## OPEN HOUSE

### Sunday, January 27

### 10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us to talk with teachers and administrators, and discover why St. Cletus School is the right choice for your family!



### 2019 ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION

#### JOIN US FOR THE SPRING AUCTION

**Saturday, March 30, 2019** at Capri Banquets, 6240 Joliet Road, Countryside. \$75 per person includes food, entertainment, live & silent auctions! We are currently looking for donations of gift cards, vacation homes, sporting event and theater tickets for our auction. Your donations are truly appreciated. Thank you for your support of St. Cletus School.



**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018**  
 January 28 - February 3  
 #CSW18



# St. Cletus School

700 W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
La Grange, IL 60525

(708) 352-4820 phone  
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www.stcletusschool.com

**St. Cletus School** is a national Blue Ribbon school, recognized by the U. S. Department of Education in 2014. St. Cletus School is also a Red Ribbon school, recognized by the Nationwide Red Ribbon Certified Schools Program in 2018 for our efforts to keep our students safe, healthy, and drug-free. Its elementary program offers a strong educational curriculum guided by the Common Core State Standards in English, language arts, and math, the State of Illinois Learning Standards, and benchmarks established by the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addition to our 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade program with an average classroom size of 21 students, St. Cletus offers 3- and 4-year-old half and full-day preschool, as well as half and full-day kindergarten classes. Our well-rounded academic program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computer technology classes. Daily religion classes, service hours, and regular school Masses also help our students develop into mature, responsible young adults. Other opportunities available at St. Cletus School are Student Council, scouting (for boys and girls), athletic programs, band, choir, and before-and after-care programs. If your child is just beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

- ◆ Applications are now being accepted for new students for the 2019-20 school year.
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Open House is Sunday, January 27, 2019. Interested families are welcome to attend our 9:30 a.m. family Mass at St. Cletus Church, followed by our Open House in the education building next door to Church from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please join us to tour the school and meet our faculty, staff, and school families!

Feel free to call the school office Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at (708) 352-4820 if you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to visit our school. St. Cletus School is a great place to be—stop by to learn more!

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Chinske  
Principal

Christy Schaefer  
Assistant Principal



FAITH FAMILY *FUTURE*





## Social Concerns Ministry



### ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Powdered Milk
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Snacks  
(chips, cookies, etc.)

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 THANKS

Thanks to Moises and Christian from Oak Street Health for coming this week to connect clients with low cost health care and community resource opportunities.

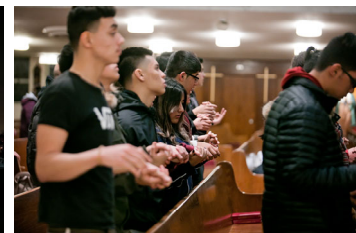
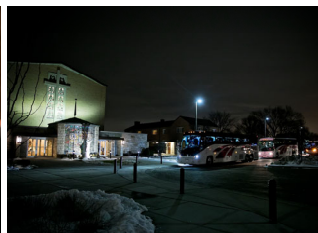
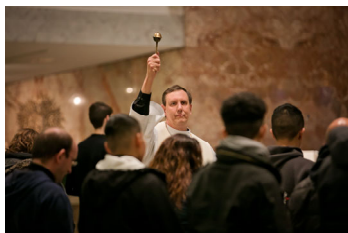
Check out their website if you are interested in more information! [www.oakstreethealth.com](http://www.oakstreethealth.com)



### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Table in Narthex** - This weekend we commemorate the Supreme Courts decision in Roe v Wade. We encourage you to stop by the Respect Life Ministry table after Mass to learn more about our joint ministry with St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross.

**March for Life** - Last week St. Cletus was able to host the Archdiocesan group heading on their pilgrimage to the Washington D.C. March for Life. 128 participants represented the Archdiocese! We're grateful for their service and glad they had a safe trip despite the snowstorm(s). Photos courtesy of Sara Hodak Photography.



### WORD OF LIFE

While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing", [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

**Note that these are intended for adult readers.** All names have been changed for protection.

#### JOLENE'S STORY

**The abuse** - My partner has been physically and emotionally abusing me for about twelve months. It started with pushing and shoving and taking my keys when I wanted to leave. He was very insecure about past relationships and jealous of people he thought were a threat. We would have evenings where he'd been drinking and start calling me names. It would go on for hours until he would fall asleep. The next day it was always the same, he was sorry and he didn't know why he said and did the things he did.

I believed him at first but after the third time I knew it was a mistake and I had to get out.

The final straw was the worst behavior, hours of verbal abuse and name calling and then he became violent when I tried to call someone. That night it dawned on me things will never change. I had to put myself first and do what was right for me. How could I let myself be hurt this way?

**How I coped** - I believed he wanted to change. We even went to counseling together but it didn't last. I kept telling myself that it was the drink, or I tried to change my way of thinking and acting. Nothing worked. I knew I had to get out. I confided in a friend who helped me cope and then to eventually leave.

**How the situation changed** - After the last time, I had the strength to tell him to leave. Of course, he wouldn't leave, but I asked my friend for help and she reinforced to him that I wanted him out, or else I'd call the police. He believed me then because I'd told someone.

**What helped me** - My belief is that this was wrong and no matter what, his behavior was not my fault. Good friends helped and are still helping me to get stronger. I will seek counseling now and I know I'll keep going forward and get stronger still.

**What I would say to others** - Believe in yourself and tell yourself you deserve better. I know it's hard but you can get out, you don't have to live like this. No matter what they tell you, never ever believe that the abuse is your fault.

#### 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 in the left column of the previous page. **You are not alone.***



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —  
AWARENESS • SERVICES • PREVENTION  
[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)

### INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

#### Winter 2019 Career Search and Development Boot Camp - Week 3

Join us on Tuesday, January 29, from 7-9 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue. Being able to articulate and tell your story is one of the most critical elements of a job search. This week, co-facilitator Jim Peterson will help you craft that all important "Elevator Speech" Time will be allowed to practice your personal elevator speech with fellow attendees. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session to make the most out of this training. Please enter the church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at [sqsedler@aol.com](mailto:sqsedler@aol.com).

#### Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, February 9 from 9:30-11:30 am for

a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional for some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Need some coaching with your elevator speech? This is a great opportunity for you or someone you know in a job search. There is no charge for this service. Please join us at the St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in La Grange.

*Everyone is welcome to ICN meetings/workshops and there is no charge to attend. For further information, please visit our website: [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).*

### BEDS PLUS

#### Become a Volunteer

What does four hours a month mean to you? To a person in need, it can mean the world. BEDS is in need of volunteers. Your contribution can make a difference in the lives of homeless and at-risk individuals in our community. Sign up on line [www.beds-plus.org](http://www.beds-plus.org) or contact [volunteer@beds-plus.org](mailto:volunteer@beds-plus.org), or call 708-354-0858 ext. 113

#### 7th Annual Soup & Bread Event



Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 3–7 pm at the Holiday Inn William Tell Banquets | 6201 Joliet Road, Countryside. Live music • Craft beers • Local Food. Tickets are available online. For more info call 708-354-0858 x105. [www.beds-plus.org](http://www.beds-plus.org).

### INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

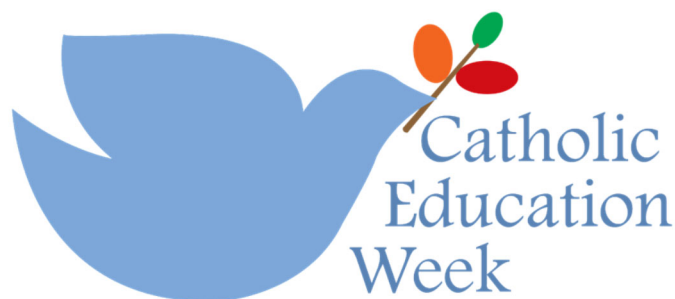
#### Volunteer drivers needed to transport older adults

Can you spare an hour or more a week to drive an older adult? Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide rides to older adults in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 130 volunteers provide accompanied transportation to medical appointments, therapies, and life-enhancing errands such as the grocery store, bank, hairdresser, and church. There is no cost to our clients, we ask for them to donate, if able. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for a volunteer application, visit us on the web at [InterfaithCommunityPartners.org](http://InterfaithCommunityPartners.org), and like us on Facebook. We will train you and work around your busy life!



## Religious Education

### HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK!



This week is recognized as Catholic Education Week by parishes throughout the United States to recognize the importance of educating our youth and adults in the Catholic faith. We are blessed to have so many ways to teach and catechize our children and adults. Our Religious Education program is growing with over 415 children actively encountering our Lord in our weekly classes, along with over 70 volunteer adults and High School teens who so generously share their faith, time and talents with these children and their families. Our Parish School also teaches over 400 students about our faith, and they also have the generous support of their amazing and talented faculty. Our Youth Ministry program is growing and enabling our teens to encounter Christ through small groups, fun activities, service opportunities and life-transforming retreats. The Baptismal team does an excellent job of preparing young parents for their role as primary teacher of the faith for their children, the CREDO team works hard to bring all parishioners opportunities to continue learning about their faith, and opportunities to grow closer to our Lord. Our Marriage Preparation team does an amazing job in working with adults who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony, helping them to see the important role of faith in their new life together. These are just a few of the different ministries within our parish that work to continuously teach about our faith, and to live out the Gospel values in our lives!

We are so grateful to everyone who so generously volunteers and give of their time, talents and treasures to teach and catechize our children, youth and adults of the parish.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

This month we continue in our efforts to provide our students with different prayer and service opportunities. Our fourth grade students made Prayer Treasure Jars for our home-bound parishioners, which we hope will brighten their days, and help to lift their spirits as they are held up in prayer by these young people. Our First Grade students and their Parents joined us for the annual Church Tour. This tour gives the children and their parents the "inside story" on the things we see and use in Church for our liturgical celebrations and sacraments. It was a wonderful experience for them all!

Many of our classes are busy with final preparations for Sacraments. Our Second Graders of the parish are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time in May. Our Eighth Grade students in the parish are in the final preparations to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 23rd. Students in Fifth Grade will begin their preparations to lead us in prayer in March with Living Stations of the Cross, and organizing our annual Good Neighbor Food Drive for Lent. Our Fourth Grade Students are preparing for Love Day in February, where they honor someone in their lives who demonstrates love in a special way.

#### **Please be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming RE events:**

- Feb. 3 & 4 Religious Education classes are in session for ECRE, Grades 1-8. Special Needs celebrates First Reconciliation on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Feb. 10 & 11 Religious Education classes are in session for ECRE, Grades 1-8. Fourth Grade students bring in a guest to celebrate Love Day during class.
- Feb. 17 & 18 No Classes due to President's Day**
- Feb. 21 Mandatory Confirmation Practice for Students and Sponsors in Church from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Confirmation Celebration at 1 p.m.
- Feb. 24-25 Religious Education classes are in session for ECRE, Special Needs, Grades 1-7. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade does not meet for class.



## Other Ministry Notes

### REGISTRATION FOR KAIROS 32 IS OPEN!



**March 14 – 17, 2019**

Registration is ONLINE ONLY, and can be found on the St. Cletus Parish Website, under Youth Ministry.

*Kairos is a retreat offered to high school juniors and seniors through the combined efforts of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. The retreat is offered three times each calendar year. Kairos is a 4-day retreat that allows you to build new friendships as well as to deepen current relationships, and to learn more about yourself and your connection with God, while having an unforgettable experience.*

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

- 2019 Girls Church League Basketball - Registration opens in February
- Fannie May Candy Fundraiser – proceeds go to St. Cletus Youth Ministry Scholarships for retreats and mission trips!
- St. Cletus Youth Ministry WEEK OF SERVICE July 15th – 20th

MaryClaire Zurowski, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
 mzurowski@stcletusparish.com | 708.352.5419  
 Instagram @stcletus.youthministry

### MISSION LADIES

Mission Ladies are still in need of donations of items so they can continue with their Mission of making items for Charities and for the little children, nursing homes, etc.

We are in need of Velcro (any size), Cotton and Eyelet fabric; a used working sewing machine (in good order); Yarn (all colors); Fabric fill.

Also, we welcome new comers - young and not so young. No experience is needed. Please feel free to join us on Wednesday from 9am until 11:30am

For more information - do not hesitate to contact me. Dolores Scaletta (708-839-9605).

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY



SAINT CLETUS  
 HOLY NAME  
 SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society's February meeting will be held on Friday, February 1st at 8:00 PM in Morrissey Hall. At the request of St. Cletus School, we are meeting in Morrissey Hall rather than the Parish Center. We will return to the Fr. Gallagher Room in the Parish Center in March.

All men of the parish are welcome to attend our meetings!

### ZEN PARENTING



ZEN PARENTING RADIO

**February 4th at 7:15 in the Parish Center/ Fr. Gallagher room** - Cathy and Todd Adams are the husband and wife team behind Zen Parenting Radio, a weekly podcast that focuses on self-awareness, conscious parenting, and mindful parenting. Please join us on February 4 as Cathy and Todd discuss, "Why self-awareness and compassion make parenting easier." Cathy and Todd bring practical advice and humor to entertain and inspire audiences. More information regarding Cathy and Todd can be found at website [www.zenparentingradio.com](http://www.zenparentingradio.com)

We hope you can join us! Please RSVP to

### ST. CLETUS PARISH WELCOMES...

#### Logan Michael Murphy

Son of William Murphy & Judy Cortes

#### Olivia Grace Posch

Daughter of Jeffrey Posch & Mollie Murphy

#### Finnegan James Roche

Son of Dan Roche & Mary Kate Farnan

#### Josephine Mary Andrejevs

Daughter of Olegs Andrejevs & Stephanie Sunderland

#### Maximillian Fernandez Tosheff

Son of Cesar Fernandez Pulido & Kendra Tosheff

#### Jason Scott Grah

Son of Scott Grah & Nancy Grah



**TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.**

# CREDO – Continuing Religious EDucation Opportunities

## Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> *The Shack* movie and Discussion with Fr. Bob

"*The Shack* is an honest consideration of a Christian theological explanation for why bad things happen to good people. If you loved the book, I think you will be able to say the film surpasses it. If you had a hard time reading the book, as I did, but you are open to an experience of the Christian imagination informed by Trinitarian theology, well, take a chance that you may be inspired. If you know grief and loss, the film offers comfort. If you are angry at God for any reason, test it out at the movie theater. Take a risk that you may find God in the cinematic art, and in the dark, at the multiplex."

– Sr. Rose Pacatte, National Catholic Reporter

Join us February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school kindergarten room (go past the main doors of the parish center and look for the lit up room in the school).

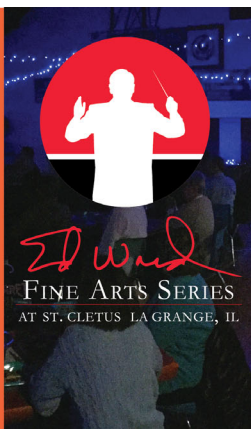
First, we will watch the movie *The Shack*. Then, Father Bob will offer insights and facilitate a discussion. If time, will also view Bishop Barron's video discussion of the book *The Shack*.

We hope you can join us! We start early because it is a long film.



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# Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



DUELING PIANOS IN THE PARISH CENTER  
**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**  
**8:00 PM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM  
RSVP ON ONLINE:  
[www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com)

FEATURING:  
TONY KIDONAKIS  
ANDREW BLENDERMANN

TICKETS:  
\$40 IN ADVANCE  
\$45 AT THE DOOR







January 27, 2019

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## TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

**Psalms** — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

**Gospel** — The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas  
Thursday: St. John Bosco  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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## LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

## BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert



## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN



**Widowed and feeling stuck?** Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program presents a Retreat/workshop for men & women March 9-10. (Incl. overnight) at the Mt. Assisi Center in Lemont and March 30 & 31 at the Holy Family Med. Ctr., Des Plaines. To register call: 708-354-7211, e-mail [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com). Website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) (incls.video)

### COMBONI MISSION JOB OPENING

The Comboni Fathers of LaGrange Park have a job opening: The position is business office manager of the Comboni Mission center at 1615 e. 31<sup>st</sup>. St. In LaGrange Park. The position will be part time, with the possibility later of full time. The position will include fundraising and development, data management, and fiscal management. Bilingual is a plus, applicants must support and accept the faith based mission of the community. Inquiries and resumes can be directed to Fr. Chirs Aleti at [mamdriga67@gmail.com](mailto:mamdriga67@gmail.com).

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Hitzeman Funeral Home welcomes you and your family to join us for our Grief Support Gatherings which will occur the second Tuesday of each month. For more info please visit [www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport](http://www.HitzemanFuneral.com/GriefSupport)

**Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 P.M.**

**Hitzeman Funeral Home, 9445 West 31st St. Brookfield**  
Please R.S.V.P. by February 8, 2019 to 708-485-2000 or [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com).

### LEGACY GUILD

Legacy Guild Fundraiser for local students who have lost a parent on Saturday, February 23 - The Legacy Guild, a local nonprofit that provides college scholarships for area students who have lost a parent, hosts its biggest fundraiser of the year on Sat., Feb. 23, at FitzGerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2019 is a rockin' evening featuring a live band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from La Grange. The Legacy Guild has provided almost \$700,000 in college scholarships since its inception in

2012. Current Legacy Guild Scholars receive a \$2,500 scholarship renewable for up to four years of college. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at [www.TheLegacyGuild.com](http://www.TheLegacyGuild.com). Contact Ryan Williamson with any questions at 312.714.7665 or by email at [ryan.williamson@lpl.com](mailto:ryan.williamson@lpl.com).

### AMERICAN LEGION SPAGHETTI DINNER



Friday, February 8 from 4-8pm. Adults \$9, Children 5-10 \$4, Under 5 Free includes: spaghetti with meat balls or marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, and cash bar. Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion Post 1941, 900 S LaGrange Rd. La Grange, IL.

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Well Spirituality Center - 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park | [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) | 708-482-5048

**New Year, New Church? Thursday, January 31, 7-8:30 PM**  
**Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ**

This presentation will review the troubling events in our institutional church over the last several years, providing history and opinion, and leaving time for directed sharing and discussion. May our lamentations this evening come to a hopeful conclusion of actively claiming what is ours to do at this point in time. Cost: \$20

**Transformational Breath Monday, February 4, 7-9:00 PM**  
(also Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6) **Facilitator: Kim Rager**

How would you like to learn a new breathing technique that helps open restricted breathing and renews your body at a cellular level? Find out what it feels like to breathe deeply, free of stress, anxiety and tension. Bring a pillow and blanket. Cost: \$140 for all 4 dates, or \$35/session. Registration 24 hrs. in advance is required.

### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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.

## 5th Annual Fall Fest - St. Cletus Parish Preferred Providers

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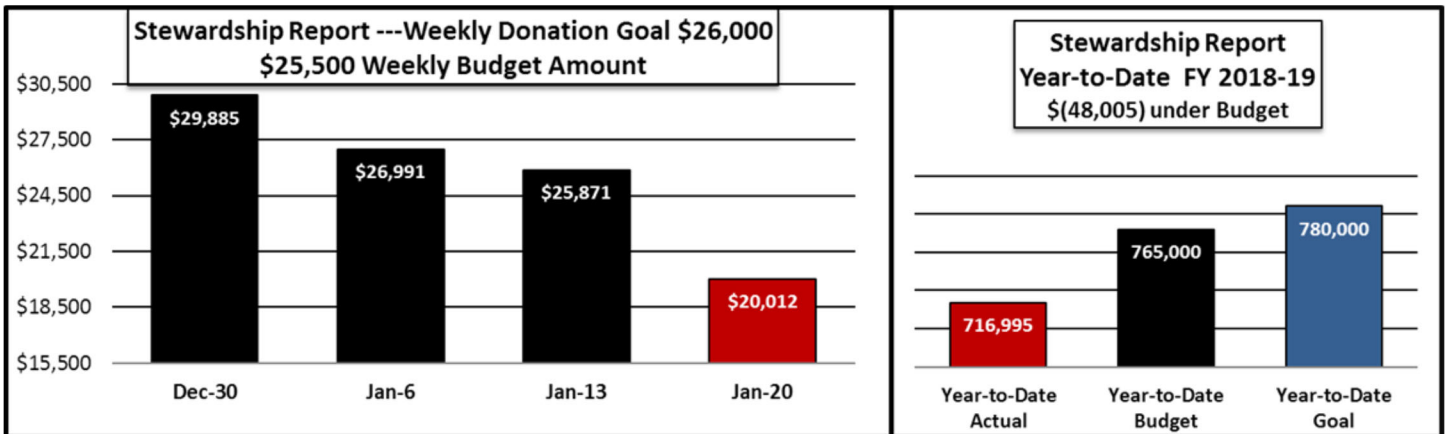
*Thank you to all of our 2018 Fall Fest Sponsors!*

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## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 27	10:30am	School	Catholic Schools Week Open House
Monday, January 28	4:00pm	School Music Rm	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 29	7:00pm 7:00pm	Rectory Church	RCIA Spanish Holy Hour
Wednesday, January 30	9:00am 10:30am 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Church PC Gym	Mission Ladies School Mass Boys Church League Practice
Thursday, January 31	5:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm 8:00pm	School Music Rm Morrissey Hall School Music Rm PC Gym	Children's Choir Rehearsal First Eucharist Parent Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal Boys Church League Practice
Friday, February 1	6:30pm 8:00pm	School Room 98 Morrissey Hall	CREDO Movie Night & Discussion Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, February 2	5:00pm	PC Gym	Boys Church League Games
Sunday, February 3	1:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Trip Meeting

## Stewardship Report



### YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY


As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2018 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the office @ (708) 352-6209 with your request. You may also email [bkallal@stcletusparish.com](mailto: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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

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