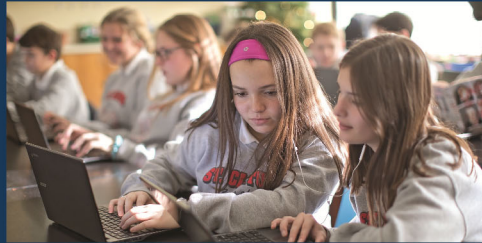


# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

— Psalm 95:6



## 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.

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### Open Houses

Schoolwide

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

### Early Education

**March 7th 8:30 -9:30 am**  
**March 21st 6-7pm**

## Mass Intentions for the Week of January 29 - February 4, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m.	Dr. W. James Syms, Russ Evans, George Lathrop
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Thomas C. Forkin, Laura Kriho, Dianne Mahalak
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Ramona M. Syms
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Richard A. Provost
Friday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Rosemary Quinn
Saturday	Fr. Fisher Fr. Fisher	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink Patricia A. Gartner, Mary Trtol, Stella & Felix Gembala, Dennis Gabriel, Karen Gorak, Shirley Sharkey, Ken Kakareka, Georgia Popp
Sunday	Fr. Clark Fr. Fisher Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Fisher	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, Riccardone & Calandriello Families, Dianne Mahalak Walter Smith, William Prusinski Barbara DeSalvo, Jason Osmolak, Cory House, Nick DeSalvo Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

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

**Frank Pastrana Sr.**

**Ana Marie Adkins**

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

### PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS



St. Cletus is a blessed community, filled with parishioners who have answered the call to action to support The Final Phase. Thanks to the generosity of this faith community, we have made significant progress toward our goal of \$1,500,000. If you still have not made your commitment, we would appreciate if you could turn in your pledge by this Wednesday, January 31.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

#### **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal "Come, Follow Me"**

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

### 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, John Kwak, Deacon Tom McGorey, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik

**December** - Kyle Marsden, Frank Colonna

**November** - Chuck Harwood, Denise Hradecky, Eileen R. Peters, Kay Petalick, Larry Schmitz, Chris Tosheff, Jean Weekley, Jenna Zimmerman, Evelyn Ulfing, Joy Wettstein, Nathaniel Scheyerer, Gerda E. Dorso, Connie Monzel, Maria Elena Serrano, Ginny Skibbe, Carol Wittowksi, 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](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. Thank you!



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Moses announces to the people that God is going to raise up a prophet from among them, and they must listen to his words. The prophet will speak only what the Lord commands, and in this way will be an instrument of life and health. John the Baptist announces his coming; Jesus is anointed by the Spirit to speak to the people. When they hear him, they are hearing God, and hearing the truth.

It was immediately obvious to the people in the synagogue at Capernaum that Jesus was different from the Scribes. They were used to religious teachers explaining the scriptures; they were used to being told about the Law; they were used to being harangued about how to live. But with Jesus, they realized they were in the presence of someone different. They could not describe exactly what that difference was. But he spoke with authority. There was integrity about his words that led them to believe he was genuine. And as if their surmising was not enough, Jesus demonstrated dramatically his power.

The unclean spirit had no problem recognizing Jesus; like the congregation in the synagogue, it heard his words and recognized his authority. It fled, and the man was set free. No wonder the word spread throughout the countryside. Here indeed was something entirely different. The power of God's word, spoken directly, was plain for all to see. We know that not all who heard Jesus were convinced by his words; the human heart sometimes hears only what it wants to hear. Jesus never shouts or demands to be heard. He lets those who have ears hear.

We know that words, as well as harming, can heal. The well-chosen word can comfort, bring forgiveness, show love, and set free. The inspired word can teach and spur to goodness. Responding to bad news, words can bring good news, Gospel news. So talking can be therapeutic. But as Christians we believe more. We believe that when we talk in the spirit of Christ, obedient to God, we can work miracles. Just as Jesus spoke with authority, people of faith can speak with authority too. Not like the Scribes who seemed to use their positions as teachers to rule and control; but like Our Lord, who used words to encourage and inspire.

If we meet unclean spirits, in the darkness in our souls or the souls of others, we need not be afraid. Christ is Lord of all, even of places that seem dark and impenetrable to us. His word of authority can overcome all. And his word

can be our word too. When it is one of integrity and truth; when it is spoken humbly and in love, then it has the authority of Christ. It is a healing word, a word wounded people in a hurting world so desperately need.

*Blessings,*

*Fr. Bob*

**Fr. Bob  
Pastor**

### FEAST OF ST. BLAISE



The Feast of St. Blaise is February 3rd. There will be a blessing of the throats after 8am & 5pm Masses on Saturday, February 3rd.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th is Ash Wednesday.

Masses – 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am (school), 6:30pm

Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes – 3:30pm

Spanish Mass and Distribution of Ashes - 7:00pm in the Parish Center

# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night..... February 2  
 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



### Deacon Stuart visits Classrooms

Deacon Stuart Heyes has been making the rounds. He is meeting with all classes to talk about his role in the church, the difference between deacons and priests, and speak about our Catholic Faith. Students have been engaged and asking wonderful questions.



### Mother Goose on the Loose

Mother Goose stopped by this week to share rhymes and stories with our Preschool through 2nd grade students. Students were eager to volunteer. They helped tell stories with their wonderful imagination.



### Junior High Christmas Tree of Science

Check out the science Christmas tree that the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students helped build by putting their science knowledge to work.



Each class made Christmas ornaments that related to the content they were learning about in class.

6th grade made fossils.

7th grade made organisms.

8th grade made element tiles.

Along with the ornaments each student wrote a one page paper about their subject matter.

Providing “fun” techniques for learning encourages students to truly engage with the material.



### Blessing by Fr. Lorenzo

On the eve of the first game for our 5th and 6th grade girls basketball teams, Father Lorenzo Gamboa led the teams in prayer, extending a blessing for a safe and successful season.

Both teams have worked hard over the last month preparing for the season and we are proud to have them represent St. Cletus School athletics. Go Cardinals!

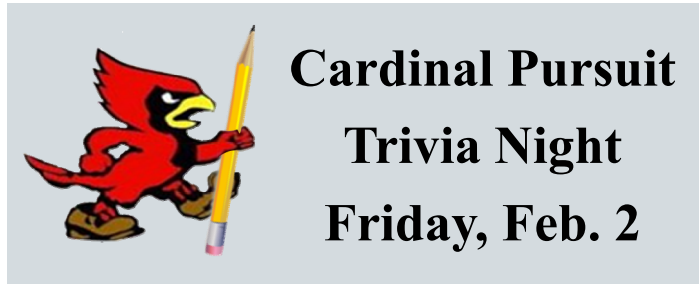


# Parish School Events



### The Spring Auction is March 3rd

Join us for "A Night at the Races" - 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, fantastic silent and live auction items, and dinner and drinks. Tickets, Sponsorships and Donation Forms can be found at [auction.stcletusschool.com](http://auction.stcletusschool.com).



### 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*



### D4D at Little Joe's

Dine in or Carry out! Celebrate Catholic Schools week, and support St. Cletus, by dining at Little Joe's the week of January 29th through February 1st, 10:30am - 7pm. A portion of all sales will go toward St. Cletus School. A flyer, or this ad, must be given at the time of purchase!

Little Joe's, 20 E. Plainfield Rd. Countryside, IL

### 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.



### 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. Please help distribute Rice Bowls after Masses February 17-18. All ages are welcome. To sign up visit <http://stcletusparish.com/ministries/social-concerns/> and look for the Lenten Outreach Volunteer Opportunities.

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

### VOLUNTEER AT THE GCFD



A special word of appreciation to our St. Cletus team of Greater Chicago Food Depository volunteers. On the 4th Wednesday of each month, 10-15 volunteers work to earn \$15.00 each toward our GCFD food purchase. This is a great financial help since the Food Pantry purchases quality items at low prices each month to supplement donations from our parishioners and friends in the community. Our money goes much further at the food depository!

If you are interested in joining our group on one or more of the upcoming 4th Wednesdays, please e-mail Jerry Mitchell, [jerryconverse@gmail.com](mailto:jerryconverse@gmail.com), or contact Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com), (708)214-5418. See below for answers to some common questions about this service opportunity.

**How old do I have to be to volunteer?** Volunteers need to be 14 years old to volunteer at the Food Depository during regular sessions. Ages 16 and older can volunteer self-supervised. Ages 14 and 15 need to have one adult supervisor per 10 youths.

**What should I wear?** Volunteers must wear long pants and close-toed shoes. You will not be permitted to work in the warehouse if you are wearing sandals or shorts/short skirt. Depending on the project you are assigned to, you may be asked to remove jewelry above the waist (including piercings, but rings are acceptable).

**Where is the GCFD located?** 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632, which is a few blocks from I-55 and Pulaski.

**Can I volunteer on my own?** Yes, but you have to schedule a time with the Depository in advance (773) 247-3663 or [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org). If you volunteer at the Depository on your own, please designate St. Cletus Food Pantry, Agency #A01336, as the recipient of your volunteer credits.

Further volunteer information can be found at [www.chicagosfoodbank.org](http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org).

### 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](mailto: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**



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[www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org](http://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org)



**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

**Winter 2018 Career Transition Boot Camp - Week 2**

ICN invites you to join us on Tuesday, January 30, 7-9 pm for the second of a 5-week workshop that will help you learn new skills and gain confidence. Workshop co-facilitator, Jim Peterson, will provide a presentation on identifying your skills and quantifying your accomplishments which are the keys to preparing a compelling resume and "elevator speech". Not exactly sure what type of job you are interested in, or thinking about making an entire career change? Jim will also discuss how to assess your skills and prepare a strategy to make the change you want. There is no cost to attend and you are encouraged to attend every session (if possible) to make the most of this experience. Hope to see 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](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

**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](http://www.InterfaithCommunityPartners.org) and clicking on Services.

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

**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. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Halm at 708.995.3750 or email [buddysplace@pchcares.org](mailto:buddysplace@pchcares.org).

**WORD OF LIFE**

If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": [www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion).



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**MARCH FOR LIFE SEND OFF**

St. Cletus Parish hosted the "kick-off" gathering & prayer service for the Archdiocese last Wednesday...on their way to Washington DC for the 45th annual March for Life. Over 200 youth, chaperones, Seminarians, Priests, Deacons, and Archdiocesan staff listened to testimony of several Seminarians and participated in a Litany for Life before boarding buses to attend the *largest human rights gathering in the world!*



# Youth Ministry

## KAIROS 28 APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!



Kairos is a 4-day retreat for high school Juniors and Seniors. These retreats are led by Seniors in High School and are hosted by and open to teens of St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross parishes. We offer four Kairos retreats each year – one in Spring, two in Summer, and one in the Fall. Our next Kairos retreat, K28, will take place March 15-18. Registration is now open, and you can find a link to register at the St. Cletus Parish website. Please consider joining us for this life-changing retreat!

## SPEND SOME TIME MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A SENIOR!



On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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! We are looking for High School students who are interested in playing instruments or singing, and those who would like to play games and hang out with amazing seniors. Please email Barb Campbell at [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) to volunteer!

## MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Mission Trip July 8-14, 2018



Are you being called to “bring good news to the poor”? Our Mission Trip this summer is organized by Young Neighbors in Action and will take place July 8-14th. We will again serve the community of South Bend, IN, but we will work in a different area so even those who joined us last year will still have a new experience.

Registration details are available on the website. If you are interested, please submit your application ASAP with your \$200 deposit. Fundraising opportunities are available and may be able to cover the balance of the mission trip. Applications are due by February 11, but space is limited and does fill up quickly! This is wonderful opportunity open to high school students who will have completed 9th grade and above.

We are also looking for adult chaperones who are willing to join us. Without you, this opportunity cannot be offered. Please Contact Barb Campbell at [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) for details and to see if this is something meant for you! *Photos from last year's trip:*



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# The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week  
 Wednesday: St. John Bosco  
 Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday; Blessing of Throats; Blessed Virgin Mary

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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

## LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them ...one at a time.

—Anonymous



## Other Ministry News

### THANK YOU FROM MARLENE

Dear Friends at St. Cletus,

First of all I want to thank everyone who prayed for me, sent me e-mails, called (I usually didn't answer or return the calls because I just wasn't able) during my recent illness and hospital stay (over Christmas no less). Stuart and I are truly blessed to be a part of this community.

I am also indebted to my Doctors, nurses and staff at LaGrange Hospital, great drugs and of course Stuart for nursing me back to health.

Secondly, a big thank you for the gift of stamps for the Kolbe House Jail ministry - you are most generous, we collected \$740 worth of stamps. I hope to return to my ministry there when the weather warms up some!

Warmest Wishes - Marlene

### 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

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING



Friday, Feb. 2 8:00pm  
Fr. Gallagher Meeting Room  
St. Cletus Parish Center

### 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](http://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.

### 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. This 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](http://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!



PIANO BAR IN THE PARISH CENTER



TONY KIDONAKIS



SHANA PETRONE

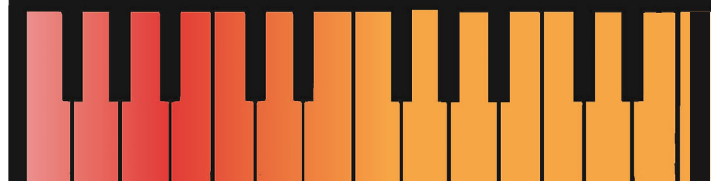


JEFF SNYDER



**FRIDAY, FEB. 9**

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



## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN



#### Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women

Have you reached a crossroads? Are you at a turning point? Do you want to move forward with your life, while still treasuring your memories?

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

**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.

### 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

### 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. Contact us 630.222-8303, reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

### LEGACY GUILD FUNDRAISER



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. 24, at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. The Big Spring Event 2018 is a rockin' evening featuring Mike & Joe, the Midwest's most renowned cover band. Ticket price includes dinner, drinks and dancing along with roundtrip bus ride from La Grange. The Legacy Guild has provided \$478,500 in college scholarships since its inception in 2012. Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.TheLegacyGuild.com. Contact Tom Cushing (312.972.8583) with any questions.

### 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. Portiuncula Center for Prayer 9263 W St. Francis Road Frankfort, IL 60423.

### LYON CON - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Feb. 3 8am-10pm & Feb. 4 8am-4pm at the Corral 4940 S Willow Springs Rd. Western Springs. \$10 over 18, \$5 under 18, Fully Costumed Attendees Free. More info at www.lyoncon.net.

### ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



#### APPLY.

Apply for a state tax credit with the Illinois Department of Revenue.



#### DESIGNATE.

Designate your donation to St. Cletus School.



#### EDUCATE.

Educate students in need at their school of choice.

You can receive a 75 percent state tax credit for donating to needs-based scholarships through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program. Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

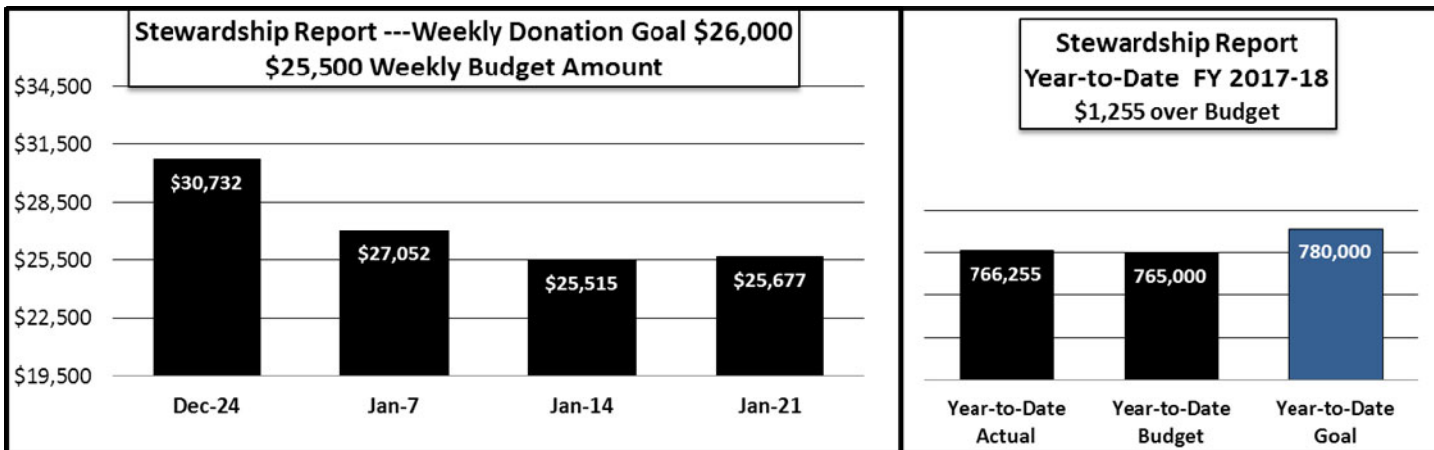
Support low-income students at Archdiocesan schools while receiving a 75 percent state tax credit through the new Illinois tax credit scholarship program. Visit www.archchicago.org/tcs to learn more.



# Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 28	10:30am	School	Catholic Schools Week Open House
Monday, January 29	4:00pm 8:30pm 9:00pm	School Music Rm PC Gym Morrissey Hall	Junior Choir Men's Basketball Boy's Church League Basketball
Tuesday, January 30	6:30pm 9:00pm	Rectory PC Gym	RCIA Boys' Church League Basketball
Wednesday, January 31	9:00am 10:30am 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm Church PC Gym	Mission Ladies School Mass Boy's Church League Basketball
Thursday, February 1	5:00pm 6:30pm 9:00pm	School Music Rm Church PC Gym	Children's Choir Confirmation Practice Boy's Church League Basketball
Friday, February 2	7:00pm 8:00pm	Morrissey Hall Parish Center Mtg Rm	Cardinal Pursuit Trivia Night Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, February 3	1:00pm 5:00pm	Church Narthex	Confirmation Welcome Committee
Sunday, February 4	7:00am	Narthex	Welcome Committee

# 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 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](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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

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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.

## STAFF

**PARISH STAFF**  
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