

Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Once I was dead,
but now I am alive
forever and ever.
— Revelation 1:18a



APRIL 28, 2019 | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST AND SAID TO THEM,
“PEACE
BE WITH YOU.”

~ John 20:19



WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 29 - May 5, 2019

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Diane McCulley, Special Intention - Laura Terrazino
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Frank Wojcik
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Pat Maley, Dolores Wouk, Shirley Hollinger
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Sharon Smith
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Irene & Tom Cecil
Saturday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Margaret Jadrych
	Fr. Clark	5:00 p.m.	John Brooks, Robert Sadowski, Ken Kakareka, Jim Deslauriers, Dolores Wouk, Shirley Hollinger, Genevieve Rapacki
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa	7:00 a.m.	George Duda, Michael Snyder, Teodora Quirao, Kathy Gesiakowski
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Ricciardone & Calandriello Families, Stacey Baker, Jack Lennard
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Charles & Florence Straka, James Sayer, Josephine Sorrentino
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Jim Zethmayr, Joseph F. Kurcz, Dave Barkley
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Marcos Garcia

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

John Walsh

Rev. David P. Dowdle

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome to our parish family:

Edith & Ruben Elizondo

Sarah & Michael Marynowski

Nancy & Gildordo Diaz

Karina & Ismael Flores

Mercedes & Jimmy Garcia

Christina Pascente

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION ON MOTHER'S DAY

Last year 364,373 seniors were supported by Catholic Charities through many programs including home delivered meals, adult day care, senior centers, congregate meals, family caregiver assistance, transportation services, the hospital transition program and more. The support seniors receive from Catholic Charities, ensures that they continue to live comfortably in their own homes and communities for as long as possible with dignity and compassionate support. Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day to help seniors stay healthy. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

Notes from Fr. Bob...

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

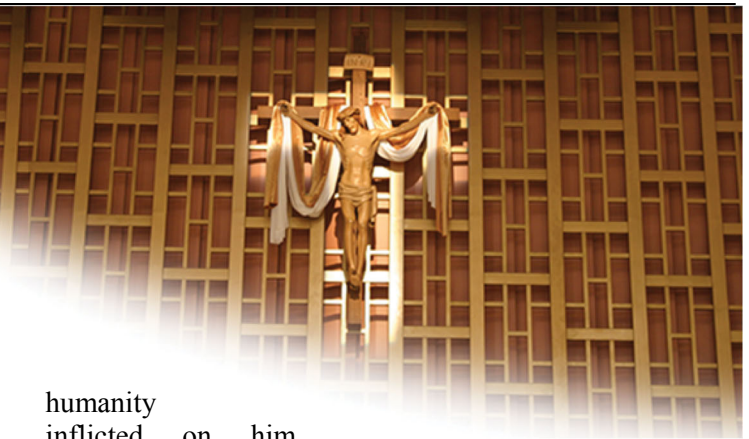
Wounds are something that we all receive at some time during our lives. We can receive them through surgery, and even in the process of giving birth. People can be injured on building sites, doing agricultural work, working in a factory, or while taking part in sports and hobbies. As well as physical wounds, life can wound our moral and spiritual side too. Children treated cruelly can grow up with deeply wounded personalities. Somebody treated with contempt or disdain by a loved one can be badly hurt. We often talk about “broken hearts”, in reference to love affairs that have gone wrong. Cardinal Richelieu, the famous seventeenth-century statesman, thought that “Wounds inflicted by the sword heal more easily than those inflicted by the tongue.”

There can also be a certain pride in wounds. One Roman poet wrote that a soldier lists his wounds like a shepherd counts his sheep. There is a famous speech in Shakespeare’s HENRY V, when King Henry imagines the veteran of a battle boasting of his wounds: “Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars and say, ‘These wounds I had on Crispin’s day.’” Wounds and scars can be a sign that we have really lived, and suffered, and have experienced the harder side of life.

As Christians we believe that the whole human race is wounded in a quite drastic way. We are all born wounded by the effects of original sin. We are still basically good, having been created by God, but our minds, wills and hearts are impaired. It was to repair this damage, and to raise us up to share his divine life, that Christ came.

Wounds are central to today’s Gospel reading. Although we refer to Thomas as “doubting”, he does actually have a point. He believes that the other apostles have seen something, but he is not sure that it is the real Christ. What makes Christ real for Thomas is the reality of his suffering, represented by his wounds. The authentic risen Christ, for Thomas, must still bear the marks of his real, earthly life, a life marked by suffering as well as by miracles and joy. Unless he can handle the wounds made by the nails and the spear, Thomas is worried that the apostles may be imagining a false Christ untouched by earthly reality, and especially the reality of his terrible death. Are they trying to pretend that all those terrible things never happened?

There is always a temptation to imagine Christ the way we want to see him, rather than as he is himself. A Jesus unmarked by suffering, who has not confronted sin and death, is not the real Christ. Jesus retains the wounds



humanity inflicted on him, precisely to remind us what we are capable of, and to show how much he loves us. His wounds become the source of our healing. The blood and water that flowed from his side became, in words from the Missal, “the fountain of sacramental life in the Church”. Jesus’ wounds are also a powerful witness to the continuity between his earthly body and his risen, glorious body.

Jesus also gives the apostles the gift of the Spirit, and grants them peace. He shares his authority with them, and helps them understand who he is and what he has done for them. We too share in this gift of the Spirit in baptism and confirmation. We begin, even in this life, to share in God’s divine life, God’s self-understanding. That is why we can see in the wounded Christ not just an executed outcast, but the divine savior of the world.

By living a sacramental life in the Church, we become more and more like our wounded savior. We learn to appreciate more our own woundedness and the wounds that others have received. We begin to recognize our own need for healing.

To the best of our ability we can help heal the wounds of the world around us. Often we are so harassed by everyday trials that we can forget to be positive, grateful, encouraging. Perhaps we can ask forgiveness from someone we have hurt, or gently try to reconcile others who are at odds. Perhaps we can try to speak or think more positively about the people in our lives, our family and friends, or even those we find trying or difficult. A small act of kindness, or encouraging words, can go a long way to foster healing and to create more positive relationships.

Alleluia!

Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor

Parish School



2019 ST. CLETUS CARDINAL OPEN GOLF OUTING



Date: Sunday, June 2nd at 12:30 p.m. Check in 11:30 a.m.

Golf Outing Venue: Glen Eagles Country Club
13070 McCarthy Road • Lemont, IL 60439

Cost: \$125 Includes cart, snacks, beer/soda/water on the course and a buffet dinner with open bar.

Early Bird Special: \$100 per golfer/\$400 per foursome if paid by April 30.

Checks Payable to: St. Cletus School, 700 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

For More Information: email: golfouting@stcletusparish.com
web: golfouting.stcletusschool.com

Please use the form below to register golf foursomes and sign up for sponsorship opportunities.

Sponsorships are tax deductible and the school will issue a letter in recognition of your donation. Forms and checks can be submitted directly to the St. Cletus School Office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., 700 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525. Please return sponsorships by May 17th to ensure maximum recognition.

Golfers, be sure to take advantage of our early bird pricing until 4/30/19.



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Listing on Event Signage

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\$750
Signage at Hole in One
Dinner/Program Recognition
Listing on Event Signage

- \$500 Giveaway Sponsor** - Logo on custom Cardinal Open golf flag at hole, which is yours to keep, Listing in program
- \$250 Flag Sponsor** - Name on custom Cardinal Open golf flag at hole, which is yours to keep, Listing in program
- \$150 Tee Sponsor** - Tee Signage, Listing in Program
- Raffle Prize Donation** - Recognition in Program and at Dinner

Note: All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible and will be recognized at the event as well as on our website and church bulletin.

REGISTER YOUR FOURSOME

Please List Names in Foursome: (Individual registrations are also accepted, team will be assigned)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Price:

- \$100 Individual Golfer** (if paid in full by 4/30/19, \$125 after 4/30)
- \$400 Foursome** (if paid in full by 4/30/19, \$500 after 4/30)

PLEASE RETURN THE INFORMATION BELOW TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Amount Enclosed:** \$ _____

Religious Education

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY!

On Saturday, April 20th during the Easter Vigil, our parish joyfully celebrated the sacraments of initiation with our RCIA group. Carl Kash and Kelsey Thompson were fully initiated into the Catholic Church with the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Bruce Wulff was received into full communion with the Catholic Church with the celebration and the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Shane Bonarek, Salvatore Montes, Kayla Tlaseca, Nisa Tlesca, Jackie Villa, and Kevin Villa completed the sacraments of initiation, celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation. It was a joyous celebration! Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey and their baptismal call to serve others. We were privileged to journey with them during the RCIA preparation time, and are excited to be with them at the table of the Lord! Please welcome them into our St. Cletus Parish faith family!



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

- May 2 Optional First Communion Photos
- May 7 First Communion Practice for 10:30 a.m. Mass in Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- May 8 First Communion Practice for 1:00 p.m. Mass in Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- May 11 First Communion Masses for 2nd Graders at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- May 12th First Communion Masses for students in Grades 3-7 at the 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses

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.

For more information, please contact Barb Campbell, Director of Religious Education

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)
- Cereal

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

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

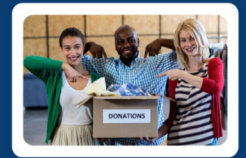
Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help load the SVDP truck next weekend, May 4-5. To view slots and sign up visit: <http://bit.ly/2U0etMs>

SVDP Donation Drive

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.

Clean your closets. Change lives forever.



The thrift store truck will be in our Parking Lot

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

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

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH

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.**

AREA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Letter Writing Campaign

Please stop by the Respect Life table in the Narthex after Mass today to sign a letter to area legislators to vote no on HB 2467/SB 1594 'Parental Notice of Abortion Act' and HB 2495/SB 1942 'Reproductive Health Act'.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 are identical pieces of legislation that would repeal the Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act. The current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. It has been very effective, abortions obtained by minors have dropped fifty-seven percent.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942 are identical bills that would strip unborn persons of any protection under the law. Abortion could be obtained at any stage or pregnancy. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses, and hospitals, who refuse to permit, recommend, perform, or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections, will be lost. It would also remove various health regulations from abortion clinics in Illinois and would allow non-doctors to perform abortions.

It only takes a minute! Thank you!

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. 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 La Grange.

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!

Baby Shower & Carnation Sale

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and Church. If this is you, we want you to know that your Church cares. Seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from Project Rachel, a confidential Catholic ministry offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Visit the "Find Help" map on HopeAfterAbortion.org to find the diocesan ministry near you.

WORD OF LIFE



If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Visit the "Find Help" map on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

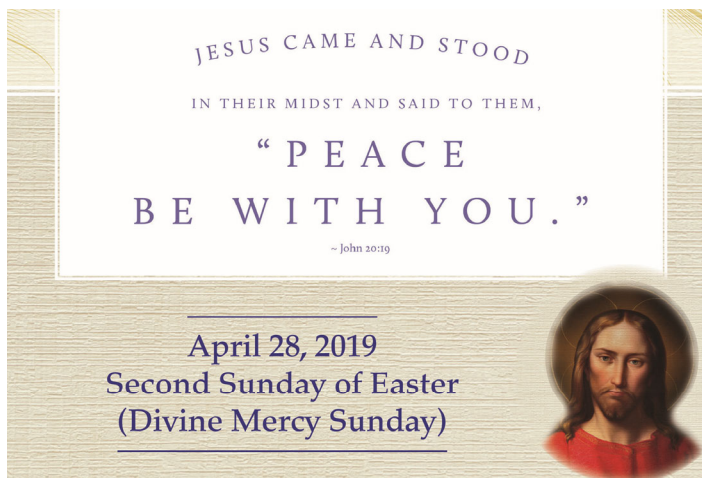
May all who fear confessing
involvement in abortion
be assured of Christ's
open arms.



usccb.org/prayforlife

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Sunday Notes



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SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism.

Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21;
 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
 Julian Calendar Easter
 Monday: St. Catherine of Siena
 Tuesday: St. Pius V
 Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
 Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer;
 Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
 Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday
 Saturday: First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

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A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.

—Anonymous

This Weekend - 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 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

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Other Ministry News

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING MAY 3



The next Holy Name Society meeting will be Friday, May 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the St. Cletus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited to attend Holy Name meetings!

ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Next CCW Event: May Crowning on Wednesday, May 15th in church at 7:00 p.m. 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!

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and purchased items at our bake sale. Special thank you to Kirschbaum's and Kristen's Bakeries.



BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

Thank you to everyone who made the Blessing of the Easter Baskets on April 20th a special event, especially our wonderful musicians.



IS MARY CALLING YOU?

Stop by the Rosary Table in the narthex next weekend. Bring a rosary for repair or take one for a friend. Get a coloring page for your kiddos or look at our other medals. Mary asks us to pray the Rosary for peace and one way to honor her request is to join the Living Rosary. Members pray an assigned decade each day and together with others the entire rosary is prayed. Come and sign up for a decade and welcome Mary as part of your daily life in a most meaningful way.

PRAY FOR HEALING MINISTRY

All are invited to join our ministry to pray for healing in the church – healing from the wounds resulting from the sexual abuse scandal. You will receive an email once or twice a month, encouraging you to prayer. Each email will contain a suitable prayer for those of us who find words harder to come by.

The parish website has a form you need to complete to join – under the 'Ministries & Groups' tab on the home page. No computer? No worries – please give your name and address to the parish center and we will send you each offering via the US postal service. Questions? Please contact Jerry Mitchell (630 849 5857) at prayforhealing@stcletusparish.com

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY REFLECTION

Anyone living in or visiting one of our big cities encounters beggars, the poor and homeless, street people. They are often divided into the deserving and the undeserving though it doesn't seem to be a distinction Jesus ever made. Typically, they are teenage girls with plaintive voices, hardened old guys with all their belongings in a plastic bag or a shopping cart, occasionally a mother and children. Some carry signs indicating they have AIDS or that they are Iraq veterans. Amid the charm and exuberant life of the city they remind us of the injustices and inequalities of life even if we grant an occasional suspicion that some are hoaxes.

In the midst of our comfort it's good for us to be reminded of this and of how well off we are, no matter how sorry we feel for ourselves at times. Virgilio Elizondo writes: "The role of the powerless is to evangelize the powerful." Whether they say anything or not, like Lazarus they lie or stand outside our homes and businesses, pricking our consciences. They tell us that all is not well. They also preach generosity to us. Figures on charitable giving in our country show that the poor give more proportionately than do the wealthy. Stories abound too of how the poor are so willing to share.

— Don Talafous OSB
<http://www.saintjohnsabbey.org>

**GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

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, jerryconverses@gmail.com, or contact Kendall at 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.

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.

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING



Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit

the St. Cletus Parish website at www.stcletusparish.com and click the "DONATE" button. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at 708.352.6209.

Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus



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SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 4:00PM

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

ST. CLETUS PARISH CENTER
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FREE ADMISSION

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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.

ST. DANIEL THE PROPHET CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

This year marks 50 years since our graduation and we are planning to meet and celebrate on Saturday, June 8th with Mass at 5:00PM and a school tour to follow. Buffet dinner at the European Chalet beginning at 6:30PM. Please contact: stdans1969reunion@gmail.com for more information.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for Trinity's Parent/Guardian Shadow Visit on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 Check-in at 8:30AM

You are invited to meet Trinity administration and sit in on classes of your choice until 10:30AM. All are invited to stay for our May Crowning Prayer Service at 11AM. Preregistration is not required. Enter through the main doors on Lathrop Ave. Trinity High School | 7574 West Division | River Forest, IL

MAY NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

The St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel (7740 S. Western Ave. - Chicago, IL 60620) will be celebrating its monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered starting at 6:00 p.m. Ample, secure parking is available. For more information please contact Josh at (773) 925-6600 or shrine@stritahs.com.

AGING CARE CONNECTIONS

SAVVY CAREGIVER PROGRAM, New Evening Session Added - Savvy Caregiver is an educational program for family members caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia at home. **When/Where:** Thursdays, May 23 - June 27, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center La Grange, Dixon C Classroom, 5101 S. Willow Springs Rd, La Grange **Registration:** Free, but Class size is limited. Contact Susan Bertuglia at sbertuglia@agingcareconnections.org or 708-245-8087.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Retired? Semi-retired? Open the Doors of Your Heart! The Ignatian Volunteer Corps offers men and women, age 50 and older, the opportunity to engage in direct, hands-on service with the materially poor while growing in their Christian faith through personal and shared reflection. Learn more and meet current IVC volunteers. Attend an information session at St. Francis Xavier Rectory (Courtyard Room) on Wednesday May 15 at 2pm, 124 North Spring Ave., La Grange. Register by contacting Jacqueline Fitzgerald 312-961-6206 or jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org.

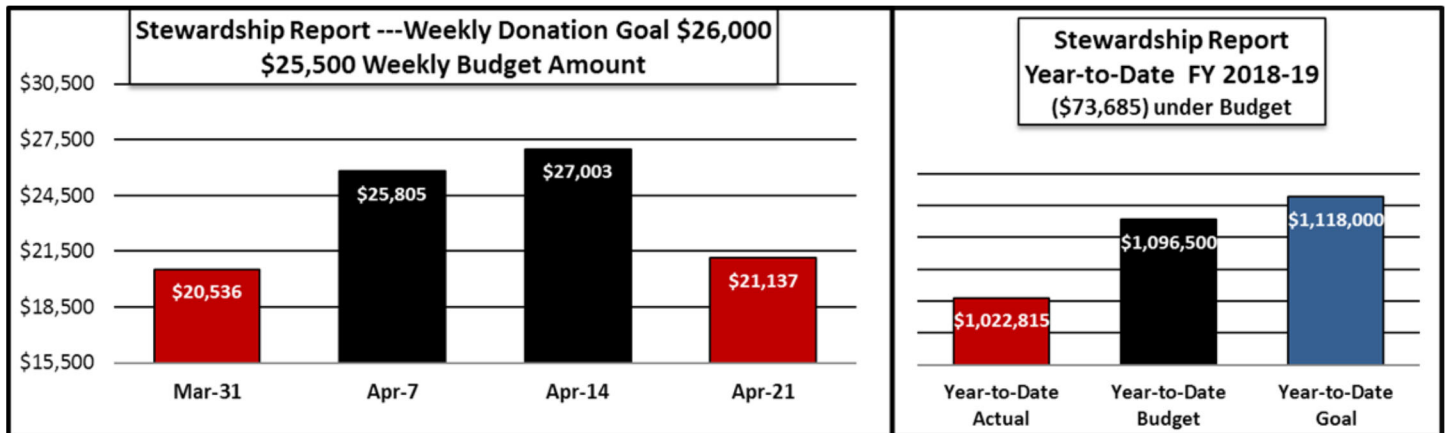
BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

Please note that all Canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com as text with pictures attached separately. All articles are due 5p.m. Friday a full week (9 days) before Sunday’s publication.

Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 28	7:00am 7:00am 4:00pm	Narthex Narthex Parish Center	Ministry of Care Shoe Drive Respect Life Committee Ed Ward Fine Arts Series at St. Cletus Concert
Monday, April 29	4:00pm 8:00pm	School Music Room Parish Center Gym	Junior Choir Men's Basketball
Tuesday, April 30	6:30pm 8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room Parish Center Gym	School Board Girls Church League Practice
Wednesday, May 1	9:00am	Parish Center Mtg Room	Mission Ladies
Thursday, May 2	4:00pm 5:00pm 7:30pm	Church School Music Room School Music Room	First Communion Pictures Children's Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, May 3	8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Room	Holy Name Society
Saturday, May 4	10:00am 5:00pm	Parking Lot Narthex	SVDP Donation Truck Rosary Group
Sunday, May 5	7:00am 8:00am 8:00am	Narthex Parking Lot Rectory Food Pantry	Rosary Group SVDP Donation Truck Food Pantry Open House

Stewardship Report



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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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