



# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Finding strength and hope through the way of the cross: a journey with cancer

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

It is difficult to imagine anyone in today's world whose life has not been touched by cancer in some way. No matter where you are on your cancer journey – cancer survivor, recently diagnosed, or walking this path with a loved one – you will be encouraged by this contemporary Stations of the Cross. Please join us for a spiritual evening of healing and hope.



## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- MAR. 13: William Ferris Choral Concert
- MAR. 14: Parish Reconciliation Service
- MAR. 18: Living Stations of the Cross
- MAR. 20: Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast
- MAR. 27: Easter Sunday
- APRIL 17: Ken Baker & Friends "Fiddler on the Roof in Concert"



# Mass Intentions for the Week of March 7 — March 13, 2016

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Efrena Aranas
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Julio Battistoni, Joseph Viececi
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Anne and Chester Koziol
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Frank Dunbar, Joseph Ulfing, John Battistoni
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Benjamin Patrick Hyink
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Special Intention - Z. Gajos St. Cletus Parishioners
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	Dolores E. Kuchta, Mark and Joseph Callaghan, George Duda, Frances Kennedy, William P. Patrick Burns, Marco and Emilia Rattin, Joseph Tybor, Nancy and Mario Maturo, Tom O'Brien, Albert and Frances Jachimek, Bernie Casella, Jack Lewis, Jorge Villasenor, Ken Herzog, Betty Niwa, Mary D'Amico, St. Cletus Parishioners
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	
	Fr. Baker	9:30 a.m.	
	Fr. Clark Fr. Gamboa	11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	

### WELCOME WEEKEND

New Parishioner Registration is available this weekend, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members of St. Cletus Parish.

### SPECIAL OFFERING THIS WEEKEND



Envelopes are available in the pews for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please place envelopes in the offertory baskets. More information can be found on page 5 of this week's canticle and on their website: [www.usccb.org/ceec](http://www.usccb.org/ceec). Thank you for your generous support.

### GIRL SCOUT MASS MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 2PM

All St. Cletus School and Parish Girl Scouts and families are encouraged to join us Sunday at 2 p.m. for a special Mass. Please bring a canned good for the food pantry. All are welcome!



### NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all canticle articles are to be sent to [canticle@stcletusparish.com](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com). Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, one week before Sunday's publication. Thank you!

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

#### **Margaret Mitch**

Mother of Marge Sandidge

#### **Gertrude J. Vincent**

Mother of John Vincent

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

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Helen Borsilli, Don Wettstein, Julie Horns, Gene Wallace, John Eterno, Vivian Swibel, Jennifer Streit, Marge Bechina, Julianne Hausknecht, Jen Trenkamp, Cynthia Cozen, Eleanor Tolan, Carol Piccolo, Pat Harris, Eleanor Brousil, Patricia Niwa, Allie DeRivera, Carmen Rodriguez, Tom Wolak, Christine Bell, Jenna Zimmerman, Rachel Lipman, Mauricio Aguilar, Patricia Krieger, Brian Cabral, Fernando Cabral, Enrique Pacheco, Steve Woynicki, Irina Fursman, Linda Mantey, Marshall Johnson, Diane Bridges, Catherine McCord, Nancy Gibson, Jean Weekly, Peter D. Rivera, Gerda E. Dorso, Judy Duque, Carolyn Sharpe, Joanne Stevens, Linda McMahon, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Bruce Byrne, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dziedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, Dave McCoy, LaVerne Gill, Richard Rottinger, Ed Vokurka, Sr., Joyce Arnold, Jackie Schickel, Loretta Johncola, Denise Rowalka, Sharon Mylan, Mary Jamrozik, Shellye Bolton, Emily Devine, John Duda, Marilyn Matesevac. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 2016

The words of the hymn “Amazing Grace” are well known and very popular. The hymn praises God and celebrates the power of God in bringing about conversion. Less well-known is the story of the conversion of John Newton, who wrote the words of the hymn in 1770.

John Newton (1725-1807) was a slave trader. He made money from the shipment of African slaves to property owners in the United States of America. At the age of 23 he became a Christian but only later recognized the evil of slavery, retired from the sea and became a priest in the Church of England in the parish of Olney, Buckinghamshire England. He later campaigned for the abolition of slavery. The words of the hymn describe the way in which God’s grace gave him new sight and then became his shield and protection.

John Newton’s conversion to Christianity was sudden but only slowly did he realize the evil of slavery. His conversion to Christ shows the way in which little-by-little the “Amazing Grace” of God is at work in human activities. The experience of home-coming to God is repeated regularly in acts of recognizing wrong-doing, repentance and the experience of forgiveness. Each of these events is a moment of conversion towards God and a deepening of the relationship with God.

John Newton’s conversion resembles that of the prodigal son. As soon as his son came to his senses, he began the journey back to his Father, who rushed out to welcome him back and embraced him. The father runs to meet him before he has time to speak. God’s love is scandalously generous to those who return to him. The effects of God’s mercy are described in the words of St. Paul as the building of a new creation and the reconciliation of the world to God. A new covenant of mercy replaces the old covenant forged after God had liberated Israel from Egypt. The liberator God of the Old Testament freed the people of Israel from slavery; God’s liberation in the New Testament is liberation from sin. We cannot free ourselves but only accept God’s gift.

The joy of the father’s feast is spoiled by the attitude of the elder brother. He is bitter and resentful about the welcome given to his brother. He had worked hard at home for his father and cared for his possessions. He had been obedient and dutiful in carrying out his responsibilities. There is a danger that duty and hard work can make people resentful towards others, especially if they seem to be slackers. Bitterness and

resentment are like a poison in the system which builds up slowly but which, when released, can be highly destructive.

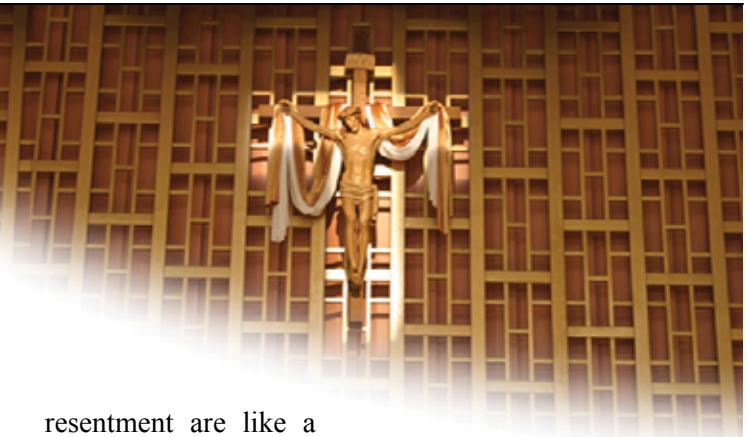
Resentments can run very deep in families. It might be about an event of the past, a time when someone was hurt or ignored. For example a relative who cares for a sick member of the family may become resentful if other members do not appear to be pulling their weight. Forgiveness of family hurt is difficult and takes time to heal. We are often told to “forgive and forget”, but often forgetting may not be possible. Forgiveness is rather a graced act of will. It is a choice to go beyond the hurt and not allow it to dominate the relationship or determine the future. It is an act of courage and hope for the future. To reach the moment of such a choice may be a lengthy process and need many years.

The readings invite trust in God’s mercy and forgiveness. Knowledge of our own weaknesses and limitations can help us understand one another. It can lead to a new insight or perspective on a situation. Such a moment of recognition happened in John Newton’s life when he understood that the slave was a man or woman of equal dignity and created by God. This insight led to a deepening conversion. He recognized his prejudice and failure to see the slave as an equal. May we be blessed with similar conversion experiences.

*Lenten Blessings and Grace,*



*Fr. Bob  
Pastor*





# Parish School



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Welcome Wednesday Morning Open House ..... March 9  
 Welcome Wednesday Evening Open House..... March 16  
 Living Stations performed by the 8th Graders.. March 18

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

**Jolene Hillgoth, President**      **Lauren Lewandowski, Principal**  
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## A Trip Under the Sea



Our second graders took a trip downtown to the Shedd Aquarium. Students explored and were amazed by all the species of fish and water mammals. In

addition to seeing the fish, beluga whales, and sharks, they were able to touch starfish. Trips like these are great because students come back to the classroom full of questions and ready to learn more!

## Designing Animals

Our 3rd graders have been studying vertebrates and invertebrates. In Science Lab they were asked to create a vertebrate and an invertebrate which they then made out of pipe cleaners. They gave them names and explained to the class where their creatures live and what they like to eat.



## St. Cletus Goes Green to Support Cure Search





**St. Cletus School**  
FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

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# Welcome Wednesdays

PLEASE JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE OUR  
PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

This is an open invitation intended for all families with children ages 3 to 5. Alternate dates/times available for school tours, please contact the school office at 708-352-4820.

**Morning**      **March 9<sup>th</sup> Drop in between 8 - 10 a.m.**

**Evening**      **March 16<sup>th</sup> Drop in between 6 - 7p.m.**

Park on Stone Avenue and enter our early childhood wing via the flagpole entrance. For more information call 708-352-4820







## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

For those living in Central and Eastern Europe, rebuilding in the wake of 70 years of Soviet rule is a constant struggle. Often, people face poverty, infrequent pastoral care, and lack of spaces for worship, presenting challenges as they try to live lives of faith. Your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) helps provide grants for projects to **restore the Church and build the future** in these areas.

In Armenia, the recovery from a devastating earthquake in the late 1980s and the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s has been difficult and slow. Many children in Armenia live on the street because of poor family situations or the need to earn their own money. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have

used a grant from CCEE to fund a summer camp for 850 children ages 8 to 15.

The camp is provided for children who are orphans, live in extreme poverty, or live in poor isolated villages. At camp, the children receive much-needed rest along with physical and spiritual support, all in a nurturing environment. Local and international volunteers help create an atmosphere of safety and trust while guiding and mentoring the children. Some of the camp activities include attending catechetical classes, going hiking and on field trips, and participating in sports and acting in theatrical presentations. While at camp, the children can experience the encouraging love and support of God and others.

In 2014, the Subcommittee on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe approved 290 grants for a total of \$7,853,306.

These grants represent scholarship and pastoral grants funded by your donations. In addition, 61 scholarship and evangelization grants were awarded, totaling \$850,552. The remainder of the collection was allocated to support construction, pastoral, social justice, and peace projects. All grants serve one purpose to rebuild the pastoral capacity and form future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



### Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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# Social Concerns Ministry

## Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Cleaning supplies
- Oatmeal
- Canned fruit
- \$10 Jewel Gift Cards

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex.



## Soup & Taize Night

Thank you to all who joined us last week for our Soup & Taize prayer night! It was a wonderful evening of prayer and fellowship. Thanks to Becky Ryva for providing the delicious soup and for our volunteers who offered great hospitality.

## MESSAGE OF THANKS

**Food Pantry** - A special thank you to St. Cletus Religious Education for their Good Neighbor Food Drive collection! We also received a generous donation through our community partner Jewel from their Souperbowl Sunday collection! There are still a few days left to contribute to the March food distribution (Thursday, March 10). Thank you for your generosity

## LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT

### Hungering to Learn

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more info.



WEEK 4: MARCH 6

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### Call to Family, Community and Participation

Human beings are social by nature. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together as a community whether that community is our classroom, workplace or family.

■ Paul says, "So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." **How am I called to bring God into my community? Where can I allow God to speak through me?**

■ "I no longer deserve to be called your son," says the prodigal, but his father sees things differently. As a member of the family, he has an important role that no one else can fill—and his father calls him back to it. **As members of God's family, do we recognize and live out our unique roles?**

■ This week, CRS Rice Bowl features two schoolchildren from Honduras who help one another learn and grow. **Who does God put in our lives to help us grow? Who in our lives are we called to help?**

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY AT MASSES - MARCH 19-20

We need your help at the weekend Masses on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20 to collect Rice Bowls after Mass as part of our Parish Lenten Almsgiving Project. Please sign up for a Mass timeslot with Kendall. All ages welcome!

## GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE - MARCH 25

Join us for the 36th Annual Good Friday Walk for Justice Friday March 25, 2016 at Congress and Michigan at 12pm.

Be Not Afraid, the theme of the 36th annual Good Friday Walk for Justice, is more than a salve for the soul. These words are an active call to meet oppression with solidarity, and despair with hope. Every Good Friday, 8th Day Center for Justice gathers friends and partners for our Annual Good Friday Walk for Justice. The Walk is a modern-day Way-of-the-Cross. Starting at the corner of Congress and Michigan, we walk, pray, and sing our way through 10 Stations in downtown Chicago. We explore the justice issues of the day that remind us to "be not afraid."

*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)*



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Monthly DV Support Group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 - 8:00PM.

If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence the 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.

Meetings are held in the St. Cletus Education Building, Room 200. Please enter at the flagpole entrance and follow buzzer prompts for entry.

### "I bet he likes you."

*Dear man at the registration desk at Children's hospital, I'm positive that you didn't think that statement through. As soon as I heard it I knew that is where it begins. That statement is where the idea that hurting is flirting begins to set a tone for what is acceptable behavior. My four year old knows That's not how we show we like someone. That was not a good choice."*

*In that moment, hurt and in a new place, worried about perhaps getting a shot or stitches you were a person we needed to help us and your words of comfort conveyed a message that someone who likes you might hurt you. No. I will not allow that message to be ok. I will not allow it to be louder than That's not how we show we like each other."At that desk you are in a position of influence, whether you realize it or not. You thought you were making the moment lighter. It is time to take responsibility for the messages we as a society give our children. Do Not tell my 4 year old who needs stitches from a boy at school hitting her I bet he likes you."NO.*

After the above facebook post went viral, the mom-Merritt Smith-responded with an official statement:

On October 5, 2015 I visited the emergency room at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio with my four-year-old daughter. She was there to receive treatment for an injury that had occurred at preschool. A classmate hit her in the face with a metal toy forcefully enough to warrant stitches. Her school handled the incident professionally and respectfully, as did the parents of the child who hit my daughter.

The comment, "I bet he likes you," was made by a young man working at the registration desk to my daughter after learning that she sustained her injury from a boy in her class. I immediately pointed out, "That's not how we show that we like someone," but the totality of the experience, even after sleeping on it, weighed heavily on my heart and on my conscience as a mother. There were three key elements from my experience that compelled me to share my story:

1. The comment itself, regardless of the speaker's intent, plants damaging seeds about what is acceptable as a demonstration of affection. It is a symptom of the larger issue of how deeply and casually violence is ingrained in our society.
2. At the registration desk, I was given an information pamphlet and a questionnaire on assistance for victims of

domestic violence. I felt there was a huge disconnect between the comment and its message and these materials, which both came from the same place.

3. My four-year-old daughter had her first experience of losing her power over her own body to a necessary yet scary procedure because, as she had just been told, someone likes her.

This post was not initially public. A good friend asked if she could share it, so I changed my privacy setting on the post and off it went out into the world. It was not meant as an attack on the hospital or the employee, who genuinely meant no harm. I value Nationwide Children's Hospital as a tremendous asset and resource in our community. They reached out to me and thanked me for creating awareness and the opportunity to refine the ongoing training they are committed to providing their staff. I am grateful for their empathy and desire to use this experience to grow, as I hope others may.

It is my intent that this be a teaching moment. I am humbled by the overwhelming response and positive conversations being had near and far. If we re-examine the power of our words, we can change old scripts that do not serve us as adults and most certainly do not serve our children. By bringing awareness to how a seemingly innocuous remark can cause harm, I hope that we can change the messages that guide our children as they learn to interact with one another and the world around them.

In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local 24 hour hotline for Pillars, found in the box above.



## INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

### Get Answers to Your Most Perplexing Job Search Questions!

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, March 17 from 7-8:30 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Learn new tactics to build confidence and help accelerate your job search success. Network with experienced hiring managers, job coaches and fellow job seekers. We'll share ideas on how to target the companies and contacts that can move your job search forward. You'll meet other job seekers who will share ideas on what has worked for them in their search and who can connect you with new contacts from within our community. Please bring 10 copies of your resume and/or handbill to share with the group. Join us and discover new avenues to getting employed. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

*Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org)*

## St. Cletus Fine Arts Series

### THERE IS STILL TIME TO BECOME PART OF THE SHOW!

We welcome all parish singers to join the chorus for Fiddler on the Roof: in concert.

**Children** - Parents of children in 4th grade and up should email Karen Ziemba if interested at karenziemba@hotmail.com. The rehearsal schedule for the children's chorus will be Sundays 3/13, 3/20 and 4/10 from 5:30-6:30pm and a dress rehearsal in the afternoon on Saturday 4/16.

**Adults** - If you'd still like to join the chorus of Fiddler on the Roof email Justin Sisul at jsisul@stcletusparish.com. Rehearsals are Sundays, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10; Thursday, April 14 and/or Friday, April 15 and a dress rehearsal in the afternoon on Saturday 4/16.

Don't miss your chance to get involved in this wonderful experience that benefits the St. Cletus Capital Campaign, Living our Faith, Building our Future.



## THE ST. CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS

### WILLIAM FERRIS CHORALE

Paul French, Music Director

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 p.m.  
St. Cletus Church

### *Heaven Bound*

Sacred choral masterpieces from France and Estonia will be featured, including powerful works of Francis Poulenc (*Litanies à la Vierge Noire*, *Quatre Petites Prières de Saint-François d'Assise*) and the poignant *Berliner Messe* of Arvo Pärt. Collaborating with the Chorale will be the **Spirito! Singers' Bravura Ensemble**.

For tickets, visit:

[www.williamferrischorale.org](http://www.williamferrischorale.org)  
or phone 773-508-2940.

### Ken Baker & FRIENDS

performing in

### Fiddler on the Roof in concert

April 17  
4 p.m.


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A Benefit for the St. Cletus Parish Capital Campaign. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased online at [finearts.stcletusparish.com](http://finearts.stcletusparish.com) or in the rectory after 3/8.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8 7pm Teen Lenten Evening of Prayer in Rm 200	MARCH 9 6:30pm Evening Lenten Mass	MARCH 10 2:15pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 11 7pm Cancer Stations of the Cross Presentation	MARCH 12 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
MARCH 13	MARCH 14 7pm Parish Reconciliation Service	MARCH 15	MARCH 16 6:30pm Evening Lenten Mass	MARCH 17 2:00pm School Stations of the Cross	MARCH 18 7pm Living Stations (presented by the 8th grade students, accompanied by the Contemporary Choir)	MARCH 19 4:15pm-4:45pm Confessions
<b>PLEASE NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK OR ON HOLY SATURDAY</b>						
MARCH 20 Palm Sunday	MARCH 21	MARCH 22	MARCH 23 No 6:30pm Mass	MARCH 24 Holy Thursday No 8am Mass 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Visit of the Seven Churches (see below)	MARCH 25 Good Friday No 8am Mass 9:30am Via Crucis en Español in MH 11:30am Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Christo en Español in MH 1pm Pasión del Señor y Adoration del la Cruz en Español in MH 3:00pm The Passion of the Lord	MARCH 26 Holy Saturday No 8am Mass No Confessions No 5:00pm Mass 12:00pm Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
 <p><b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:</b> 7:00 am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, and 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)</p>						



## The Visit of the Seven Churches

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, right after Holy Thursday Mass we will be visiting churches following the ancient tradition of “The Visit of the Seven Churches.”

This tradition originated in Rome. It was the custom for the faithful of the Early Church to visit the seven major basilicas as penance.

The tradition today calls us to accompany Jesus in his agony by visiting seven Catholic churches and, for an indulgence, to pray for the intentions of the Pope.

St. Cletus Parish will take part with our own parish and then visit 4 additional churches. The remaining churches are for you to visit on your own if you wish to do so.

A bus(es) will be waiting outside St. Cletus after Holy Thursday Mass. If you plan to join us, please contact the rectory at (708) 352-6209 to ensure we have adequate transportation. Thank you.

# Youth Ministry

## LENTEN EVENING OF PRAYER



Take a break from the hectic pace of life to be still and recognize God's presence in your life. Come on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Room 200 for a Lenten Evening of Prayer and

Reflection. Feel free to invite a friend! Open to all high school students.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next Teen Advisory Board meeting will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This is open to all high school teens and adults of any age who have an interest in helping to plan events for Youth Ministry.

Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at [etomasek@stcletusparish.com](mailto:etomasek@stcletusparish.com) or (708) 215-5419 [www.stcletusparish.com/youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth)

## PROJECT C.U.R.E.

Join us on March 12<sup>th</sup> to volunteer at Project C.U.R.E in Melrose Park. Help to sort medical supplies that will then be packed and shipped to those in need all over the world. Our shift takes place from 1:00-3:30 pm. Registration and permission forms are available on the website.

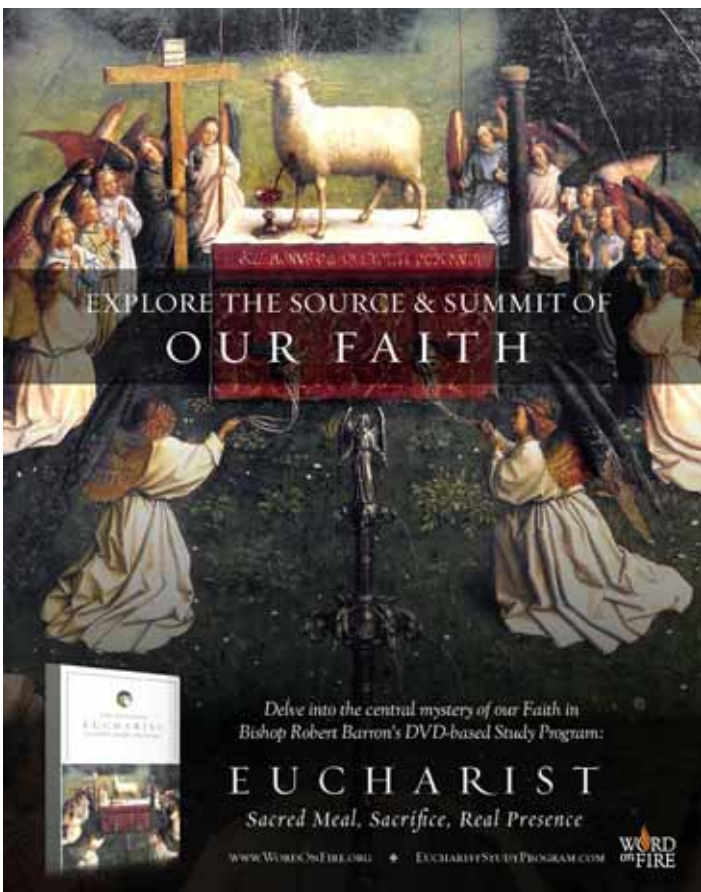


## BEDS PLUS LUNCHES



Join on us on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to prepare and pack sack lunches that will be distributed to clients at BEDS Plus. We will gather in room 200. RSVP to Elizabeth Tomasek.

# CREDO (Continuing Religious Education Opportunities)



## EUCHARIST CLASS ON MARCH 8!

Please join CREDO for a one-night DVD study of the Eucharist by Bishop Robert Barron. The class is entitled *Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence*.

Sometimes this class is offered by parishes in several parts, but on March 8<sup>th</sup> all four of the class lectures will be presented consecutively in under two hours.

We hope you can join us in Room 98A of the school (flagpole entrance) at 7pm on March 8<sup>th</sup> for this opportunity.

CREDO is offering this one-night DVD class in conjunction with an exciting event in April. CREDO is bringing the Vatican International Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World to St. Cletus on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. More information about the exhibit will be forthcoming shortly.

Hope to see you March 8<sup>th</sup> for the class.

Email [credo@stcletusparish.com](mailto:credo@stcletusparish.com) with any questions.



## Other Ministry Notes

### WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR - VBS

Due to the proposed construction of the new parish building, Vacation Bible School *will not* be held this summer.

VBS requires space, materials, accessibility to the grounds, personnel and advance planning - including the safety of our children. Because of these factors, we will not be hosting VBS this summer but look forward to a fantastic future celebration in the summer of 2017. - maybe in new surroundings!!!

### RELIGIOUS ED IMPORTANT REMINDER – MAKE UP MEETING

Parents of all children preparing to make their First Communion, please remember we are meeting *in the church March 9<sup>th</sup>*.

This includes parents of children beyond 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who are in a Special Sacraments class.

Sign-up for your preference of times will take place in the church narthex between 7:00 and 7:30. The presentation will follow concluding about 8:30pm. This evening is for parents only.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society will be holding its Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM in Morrissey Hall. Pre-sale tickets will be sold in the narthex after masses on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13. The prices of tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10. Tickets may also be purchased “at the door” on the day of the event.

### MISSION LADIES IS GROWING

Two more new ladies have joined to help us with our Mission! Mission Ladies are still in need of yarn - both 4 ply or worsted in Yellow, Brown, Black, etc. Also, we could use fiberfil (stuffing for the dolls we make) Velcro, Fabric, Lace and Sewing Thread (any color). These items can be brought to the Ushers room and marked for "Mission Ladies" or brought to the rectory. For more info call Dolores Scaletta (708-839-9605). Thank you!

### WORD OF LIFE



“The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. ...he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. ...Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.”

Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, no. 9  
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### BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be Tuesday evening, April 19th, in the school. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is "Walk Me Home" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. We welcome all interested participants.

## St. Cletus Parish Preferred Partners

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# Community Bulletin Board

## SCSG EVENT MARCH 19TH

### Suburban Catholic Singles Group (SCSG) Multi Parish Ministry For singles in their 40's and 50's

Saturday, 3/19, 6pm join us for Dinner and Live Music, (Kickin Jimmy) at Palmer's, 56 S La Grange Road in La Grange. Cost is your dinner. Please RSVP by 3/17. You can contact us at [singlesadmin@gmail.com](mailto:singlesadmin@gmail.com) Find us on Facebook – Suburban Catholic Singles

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 2:45 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Couples married in 1966 interested in attending this celebration should call the St. Cletus Rectory at 708-352-6209 to register. For further information, call the Marriage and Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: [www.marriageandfamilyministries.org](http://www.marriageandfamilyministries.org)

## ITEM COLLECTION FOR COOKE'S MANOR VETERANS' RESIDENCE THIS WEEKEND

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #80 will be collecting items for male veterans who are homeless due to alcohol and drug addiction. This facility is managed by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and offers housing and supportive services to prepare these men for their eventual return to self-sufficiency. There will be a table in the narthex after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 5<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Items requested: nail clippers, deodorant, alcohol free aftershave and mouthwash, denture cleaner (tablets), new white undershirts and underwear sizes (L,XL,XXL), new white socks, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Please contact Therese Schey at (708)354-8649 or [tvtsflag@aol.com](mailto:tvtsflag@aol.com) if you have any questions.

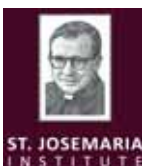
## ST. JOSEMARIA INSTITUTE

### Confession: The Sacrament of Mercy

Saturday, March 19th 9:30 - 11:30 am at the Morton Arboretum, Thornhill Education Center, 4100 IL 53 Lisle, IL. The Jubilee Year of Mercy is *the opportune moment to change our lives*, to contemplate the mystery of mercy and rediscover God's forgiveness which *knows no bounds*.

*"God never tires of forgiving us! The problem is that... at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness."*

POPE FRANCIS



Join the St. Josemaria Institute as we welcome Fr. Peter Armenio who will guide us through the Sacrament of Confession; explain the meaning of sin, penance, and mercy, especially in light of the teachings of Pope Francis; and, how we can prepare for Confession so that we will not tire of asking for forgiveness and being merciful to everyone.

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10. The deadline for registration is March 11. To register by phone call 630-541-9742 or register online [www.stjosemaria.org/winter-conference-2016](http://www.stjosemaria.org/winter-conference-2016)

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK MARCH 8-14

Were women religious among your teachers in elementary and high school? The second week in March, National Catholic Sisters Week, is your opportunity to remember them, pray for them – perhaps even renew old friendships with those sisters. National Catholic Sisters Week is designed to shine a spotlight on the profound impact of Catholic sisters in our communities and around the world. In conjunction with National Women's History Month, the third annual National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW) will be held March 8–14.

NCSW was created to honor women religious through a series of events, taking place across the country, that instruct, enlighten and bring greater focus to the lives of these incredible women. It's our chance to recognize everything sisters have done for us. To learn more about NCSW, please visit [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org).

## JOYFUL AGAIN RETREAT

Program for widows & widowers who want to find joy in living again. Sponsored by Rainbow Hospice, Presented by Joyful Again Widowed Ministry will be held April 9 & 10, 2016 at Presence/ Resurrection Health Care- Holy Family Medical Center 100 N. River Rd. (at Golf Rd.) Des Plaines, IL 60016. Call: 708-354-7211 to register, or e-mail: [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com) more info at: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)



## EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR MARINE BIOLOGY IN THE BAHAMAS!

May 21 – 28th, 2016 at the Cape Eleuthera Institute (CEI) Marine Research Center in The Bahamas. 3 Credit Hour College of DuPage Field Course (BIOL-1800-FS070). Credits are transferrable to 4-year schools and Universities. In-district tuition rate, \$137 per credit hour. Trip fee of \$2,977 For more info contact Prof. Ludden at [ludden@cod.edu](mailto:ludden@cod.edu), (630) 942-4073, or visit the our website: <http://www.cod.edu/academics/field/>

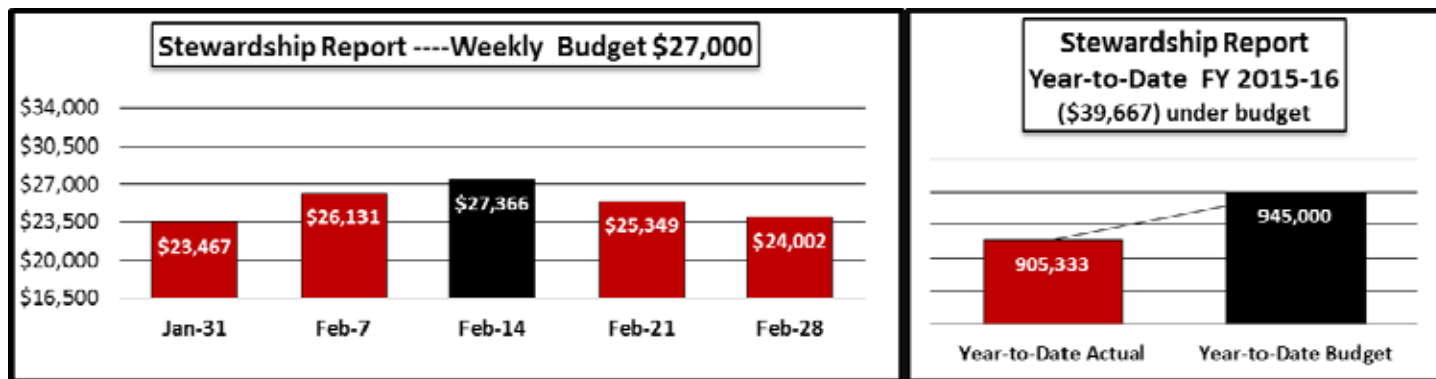


# Week At A Glance

C...Church    S...School (Education Building)    Narthex...Church Vestibule    RB...Rectory Basement    MH...Morrissey Hall

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, March 6	All Masses All Masses 2:00pm 6:00pm	Narthex Narthex Church S Music Room	Welcome Committee Collection for Cooke's Manor Veteran's Residence Girl Scout Mass Rehearsal for Fiddler on the Roof
Monday, March 7	4:00pm 8:30pm	S Music Room MH	Junior Choir Rehearsal Men's Church League Basketball
Tuesday, March 8	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	S Rm 201 S Rm 213 RB S Rm 202	Teen Lenten Evening of Prayer and Reflection FSA Meeting CREDO - DVD study of the Eucharist by Bishop Robert Barron Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group
Wednesday, March 9	8:00am 9:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	S Rm 98 RB Church Church	Welcome Wednesday Open House Mission Ladies Lenten Wednesday Mass 1st Communion Parent Meeting
Thursday, March 10	2:15pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Church S Music Rm S Rm 200 S Music Rm	School Stations of the Cross Children's Choir Rehearsal Youth Mission Trip Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 11	7:00pm	Church	Cancer Stations of the Cross Presentation
Saturday, March 12	5:00pm	Narthex	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales
Sunday, March 13	All Masses 4:00pm	Narthex Church	Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sales Fine Arts Series Concert: The William Ferris Chorale

## Stewardship Report



### ST. CLETUS PARISH YEAR-END STATEMENT BY REQUEST ONLY

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2015 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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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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 11:30 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.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

*Adoration* begins following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Tuesday of the month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction.

*Hispanic Adoration* continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

## 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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