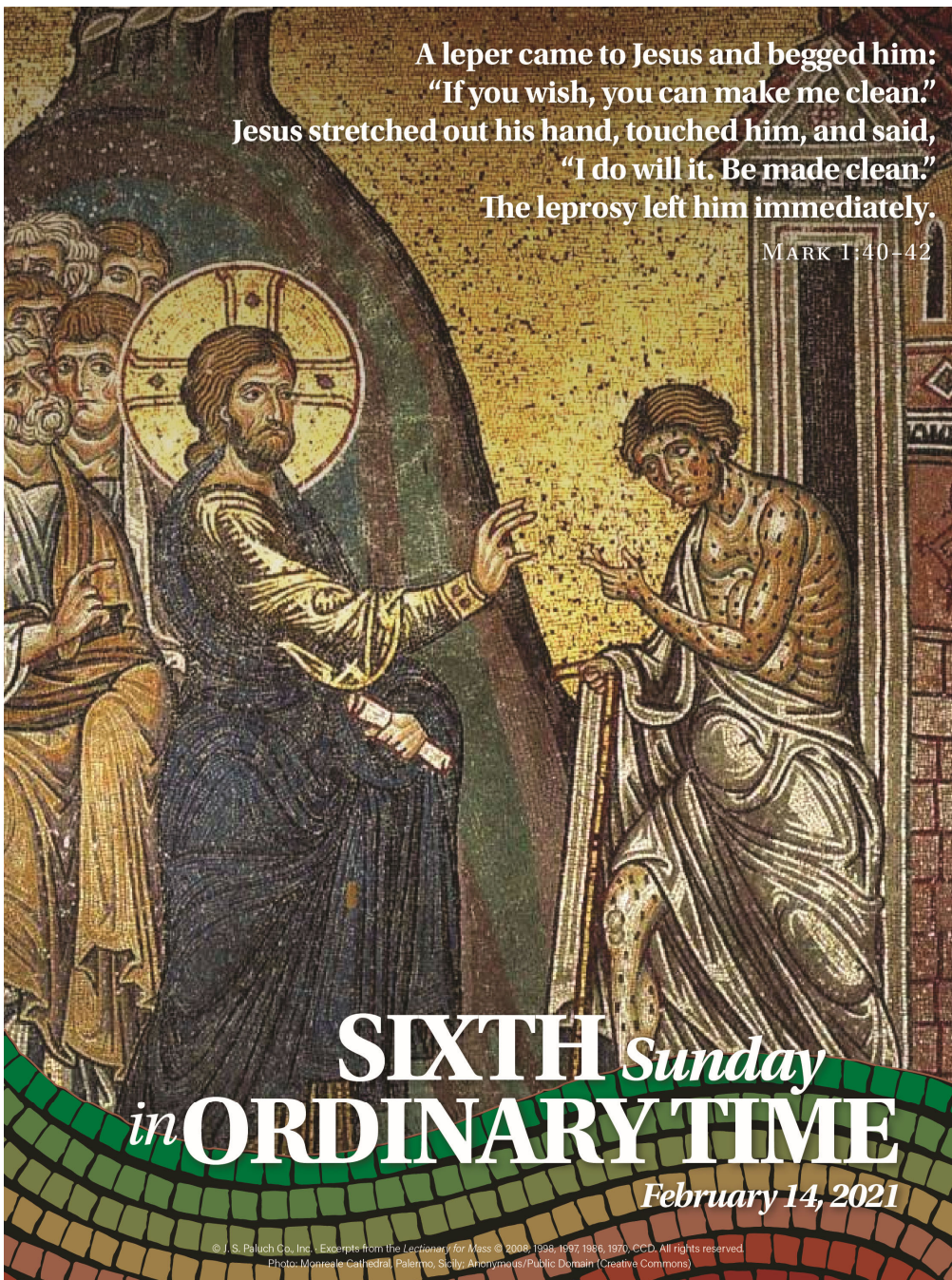


# Saint Cletus Parish Canticle

Whether you eat or drink,  
or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
— 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



A leper came to Jesus and begged him:  
"If you wish, you can make me clean."  
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,  
"I do will it. Be made clean."  
The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK I:40-42

**SIXTH** *Sunday*  
*in* **ORDINARY TIME**

February 14, 2021

## WELCOME

*So glad you could join us!*

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# Mass Intentions for February 15 - 21, 2021

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
February 15	Fr. Clark	8:00am	St. Cletus Parishioners
February 16	Fr. Clark	8:00am	Giovanna Vieceli, Paul Bidvitis
February 17	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski, Stacy Baker
February 18	Fr. Gamboa	8:00am	Delphine Marciszewski, B.C. Collins
February 19	Fr. Baker	8:00am	Loius Vieceli
February 20	Fr. Baker	5:00pm	Michael Pizzuto, Victor Diforti, Ed Stec, Santos Aranas, George Popp, George Gaetano
February 21	Fr. Gamboa	7:15am	George Duda, Stacy Baker
	Fr. Clark	8:45am	Frank Treski
	Fr. Clark	10:30am	Bill DePasquale, Emilia & Marco Rattin, Special Intention - William & Patricia Gioia 25th Wedding Anniversary
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30pm	St. Cletus Parishioners

### PARISH FACILITIES CLOSED MONDAY

Please note that all Parish facilities will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents Day.

### 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.*

**February** - Frank Niwa, John Zydek

**January** - Catherine Cosgrove, Virginia Klecka

**December** - Montana Jennings, Judy McLean, Ginny Skibbe, Mary Ann Vokurka, Sandra Eckrich, Marilyn Kornau, Maria Matayka, Kevin Peck, Patricia Rodey, Laura Terrazino, Patrick Wingert

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

### ONLINE SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



All worship opportunities require that you pre-register. No walk-ins allowed. The sign up links can be found on our website, [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com). If you don't have internet access you can call the parish office for assistance at 708.352.6209.

Recordings of masses are available on the St. Cletus Parish YouTube channel.

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

**Theresa Mercak**

**Maria Guadalupe Lopez**  
Mother of Gloria Lopez

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

### PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TO THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



*Come, follow me... and bring hope to the world.*

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world," was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at <http://annualcatholicappeal.com>.



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

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

Is it sheer misery and loneliness that drives the leper in today's Gospel towards our Lord? No doubt he's heard rumors of Jesus' kindly way with the sick and his extraordinary ability to cure them. Well, now that ability will really be put to the test.

The leper sinks down on his knees; he's desperate. "If you want to," he murmurs, "you can cure me." Jesus, we're told, is deeply moved. He's filled with pity or, as some scholars translate, with anger – not of course at the man, but at his disease and its dreadful consequences. In any event, he does what is unthinkable: he stretches out his hand and touches the leper, thereby incurring ritual defilement himself. But how precious that touch is to the leper! It constitutes a breakthrough, a new beginning; he's no longer isolated; at last there's someone who cares for him enough to risk catching his loathsome disease. And then the incredible words which are the passport back to a normal life: "Of course I want to. Be cured." And in that instant the leprosy leaves him.

The healing of leprosy was said to be as difficult as raising the dead. But Jesus accomplishes this apparently impossible task effortlessly. He now asks the cured leper to go at once to report his cure to the priests, and say nothing to anyone in the meantime. That really is asking the impossible. Jesus doesn't want people to seek him simply as a wonder-worker, yet there is surely an understanding smile on his face when he hears that the man is sharing his story with anyone who will listen.

Jesus' touch was important for the leper but it's also important for us. It's one of those actions that speak louder than words, an action which shows that the Lord is inclusive, not exclusive; he draws people towards him, doesn't send them away; he's not unduly concerned about political correctness.

If, as Paul urges in today's second reading, we are to take Jesus as our model, we need to ask ourselves how we treat today's lepers, those who are marginalized. How, for example, do we react to ex-prisoners or even to the innocent families of those in prison? Do we pass by those referred to as "unfortunates" as though they didn't exist? How do we as a community behave towards the divorced and remarried; do we make them feel unwanted? Are we racist, even in our thoughts? Can we find it in our hearts to pray, or experience a shred of sympathy, for the real outsider, such as the pedophile? It's not a question of saying that anything goes but rather of ensuring that we exclude no one from our loving concern.

Some years ago a woman noticed that one of her colleagues, an alcoholic who had got drunk and made an exhibition of herself at an office party, was now being

shunned

by everyone.

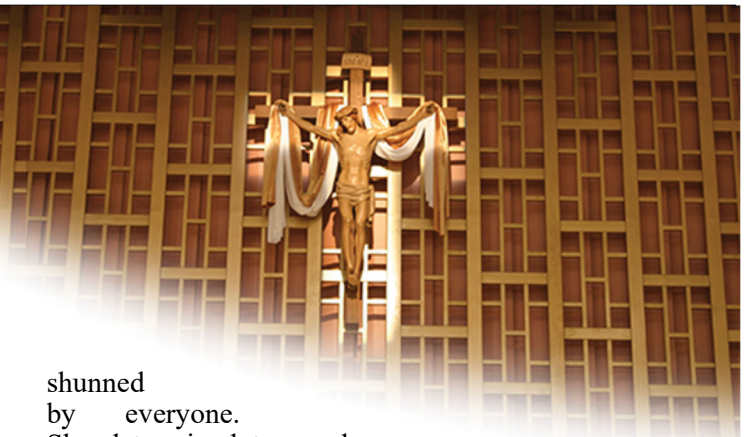
She determined to speak

to her. All she could say was: "You're not invisible to me, anyway." But for the woman who'd been treated like a leper, it was – well, a kind of little miracle. And we too have it in our power, the power that comes to us through our contact with Jesus at Mass, to work similar little miracles for the outcasts of our world.

*God's Blessings Always,*



**Fr. Bob**  
**Pastor**



# Ash Wednesday

## ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Choose from any of the 5 services St. Cletus Parish will offer. Attendance is limited to 130 guests. You must pre-register to attend:

- 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
**10:00 a.m. Prayer Service**  
**3:30 p.m. Prayer Service**  
**5:30 p.m. Prayer Service**



We will carry the 8:00am Mass and 10:00am Prayer Service on our St. Cletus Parish YouTube channel.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meats is to be observed by all Catholics 14-years-old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## ASH WEDNESDAY: DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

The liturgical use of ashes originated in Old Testament times. Ashes symbolized mourning, mortality, and penance. We hear often in the scriptures how people and even communities wore sackcloth and sat in the ashes to symbolize repentance for their sins. Initially, confession of ones sins was a public matter and so too was the penance. When a person or a community had committed offenses, the wearing of sackcloth and sitting in ashes took place in the public square and the rest of the community would pray for the sinner/sinners. Even when confessions became private, the priest would sprinkle ashes on the head of the penitent as they left the church, with the reminder that the penitent must, as the early Christian author Tertullian wrote, "Live without joy in the roughness of sackcloth and the squalor of ashes." The other occasion in which ashes were used began in the Middle Ages when people were dying. The dying would be laid on the ground, on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water, saying, "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return." The dying person would then be asked if they were content with this sign of penance in preparation for the day of judgement, to which they would respond, "I am content."

The symbol and usage of ashes continues today, when on Ash Wednesday the faithful begin their Lenten journey. With much the same spiritual significance as in the Church's traditional use of ashes, the faithful are invited to enter into this penitential season with a sense that we are both human and mortal (*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return*). Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, our new life is formed when we rise from the ashes, repentant of our sins and believe in the promise of the Gospel (*Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel*).

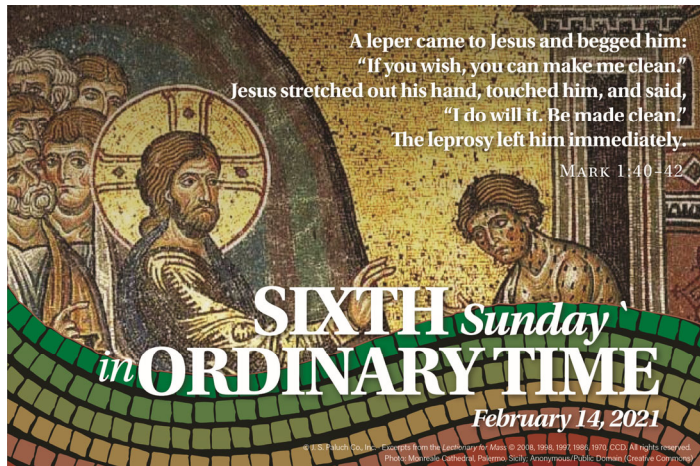
Over the centuries, the manner of distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday changed, primarily in the United States and Africa, where priests make the sign of the cross with ashes on the foreheads of the faithful. Throughout most of the rest of the world however, the ancient tradition of sprinkling ashes on the heads for the faithful has continued.

This year, the Vatican and the Archdiocese of Chicago have asked priests to take special anti-COVID-19 precautions when distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday.

We are invited and encouraged to use the more traditional and ancient ritual of sprinkling a few ashes on top of the heads of the faithful; or to use a Q-tip for each person, to make the sign of the cross on the forehead.

Whichever mass or service you attend at St. Cletus (reservations are required), ashes will be distributed in one of these ways at the end of mass/the service, just prior to leaving the church. The usual practice to repeat the formula — "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" — to each person as the ashes are sprinkled on the top of their head or rubbed onto their forehead will not be used this year. These words will be offered for the entire congregation prior to the distribution of ashes.

## Sunday Notes



### JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

**Psalm** — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

**Second Reading** — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

**Gospel** — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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### COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

—George Washington

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

**Monday:** Presidents' Day

**Tuesday:** Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

**Friday:** Abstinence

### FEAST OF FAITH

#### The Gloria (2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

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# Social Concerns Ministry



## ST. CLETUS FOOD PANTRY THURSDAYS 6-8PM

### Most needed at this time:

- \$10 gift cards to Jewel or Walmart (can be put in the RECTORY MAIL SLOT)
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Diapers size 4-6
- Baby Wipes

Please look for the FOOD PANTRY DONATION bin near the Rectory door, they will be checked daily.

Follow us on Facebook: @StCletusFoodPantry

Now on Instagram: @St.CletusFoodPantry

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

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Cletus School first grader, Grace, asked for food pantry donations instead of gifts for her 7th birthday. She was able to collect 650 items! She was hoping to deliver 25 boxes and she ended up delivering 44!!

Cultivating a heart for service can start at ANY age. Thank you Grace and Happy Birthday!



**SNAP UPDATE** - All SNAP recipients will receive an additional 15% in benefits from January-June 2021! Learn more: [chicagofoodbank.org/benefits-outreach/#SNAPBoost](http://chicagofoodbank.org/benefits-outreach/#SNAPBoost)

## LENTEN OUTREACH

### WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl at Masses this weekend, February 13-14. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



Please note: You do not need to pick up a Rice Bowl to participate this year! You can still collect funds on your own and donate them directly to Catholic Relief Services! More info to come.



## WORD OF LIFE

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

## Religious Education

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

In today's letter from St. Paul to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us that "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." We should always remember to give God the glory for all of the everyday things in our lives. We shouldn't take things like food, a warm home or a loving family for granted. Everything is a gift from God. But it is more than just thanking God for these gifts. To give God the glory means to use those gifts, and to go out into the world and serve others. We don't have to do monumental things like St. Mother Teresa did, but we can start by being kind to others in everyday situations. Make the choice to do something kind for another person, or find a way to use the gifts we have to serve others.

One of our Religious Education (RE) students, Analisa Lotito, has done just that. Analisa is a 7th Grader in the RE program, and is on her faith journey preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Analisa made a home cooked Chili meal for the homeless through the BEDS organization. She worked on this meal with her cousin Giovanni Longo. With the frigid temperatures we have been experiencing lately, she was hoping the warm meal would help others who don't have a warm meal or a warm home to live in. I'm sure they could taste the excellent ingredients in her chili, but also all of the love that went into making it!

When Analisa was asked how preparing this meal made her feel, she said, "It made me feel really good because they don't have a home and/or home cooked meals. By doing this for them, I hope it made their day"

Teresa of Avila is quoted as saying, "Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." Jesus modeled how we are to love and serve one another. Today is the Feast Day of St. Valentine, which we affiliate with love. Instead of exchanging candy hearts and flowers, perhaps we are called to show our love for one another in service. Consider how your family can serve another person or family today. Perhaps you can write a letter or fun note/card to someone who is not able to leave their home due to the pandemic to cheer them up. Maybe you can be extra kind to someone at school this week. Maybe you have the means to be able to provide a meal to BEDS for those who are most in need at this time. BEDS is currently in need of meals for homeless people staying in local motels and individuals living in the residential building on Ogden Ave. They are in need of families to prepare and deliver meals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in March and beyond. This is a great service project you can do in your own home, and then deliver the food. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Sue Devers at BEDS ([dever@beds-plus.org](mailto:dever@beds-plus.org)).





# St. Cletus School

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

### Sunday

#### *Celebrating Our Faith*

- Principal Greg Porod shared a Catholic Schools Week reflection during Sunday Masses.

### Monday

#### *Celebrating Our Community*

- Students brought food for the St. Cletus Food Pantry.
- Students and staff dressed up in college apparel.
- Students made cards for community members.

### Tuesday

#### *Celebrating Our Students*

- The FSA treated all students to hotdogs and chips.
- The FSA placed “We love our students” décor near the school entrances.
- Each classroom had a Rock, Paper, Scissors contest.
- Teachers shared the “We Are Cardinal Proud” video with their students.

### Wednesday

#### *Celebrating Our Nation*

- Students dressed up in red, white and blue to show their national pride.
- Teachers shared the “Celebrating Our Nation” video with their students.

### Thursday

#### *Celebrating Vocations*

- Teachers shared inspirational vocation videos with students.
- Students wrote Thanksgiving letters to clergy and religious Sisters.

### Friday

#### *Celebrating Teachers and Essential Workers*

- Students came to school dressed in Spirit Wear or school colors.
- Students participated in the “Name the Baby Picture” game.
- FSA treated teachers and staff to a delicious lunch.
- Teachers shared the “Celebrating Our Teachers and Staff” video with their students.

Check out the St. Cletus School Facebook page (@stcletusschool) for links to videos and more photos.







**DISCOVER ST. CLETUS SCHOOL!**

Visit our website to learn about all the great things happening at our school. If you know family or friends who are looking for an excellent educational experience for their child, let them know about St. Cletus School – where every day is a great day to be a Cardinal!



Art projects for the nursing home: doing God's work!



Feast of St. Blaise



Getting ready for the Superbowl

**KINDERGARTEN FUN!**

Wow, what a busy week in kindergarten. It was a week filled with fun activities to celebrate our Catholic School, Groundhog's Day and Superbowl Sunday! The children enjoyed hot dogs for lunch, making a Valentine craft for nursing home residents (always working hard to do God's work!), catching snowflakes on paper, making groundhog day predictions and a football prediction graph and craft. Kindergarten Rocks!



**SAVE THE DATE FOR A FUN, VIRTUAL NIGHT CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL AT THE ST. CLETUS SPRING AUCTION 2021**

WHEN: Saturday, April 24th

TIME: 6-10pm

WHERE: Anywhere you like!

Be Ready for Raffles, Live & Silent Auctions, Fun!

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our annual Spring Auction Fundraiser will take place virtually on April 24, 2021. As you know, financial support is extremely important to the students at St. Cletus School, as we rely on donations to provide high quality education. We're planning a great turnout for this year's event, Cardinal Castaway!

Our community depends on the support of our families, friends and businesses to make the event a success. Understanding that these are challenging financial times for many, we encourage those who are able to contribute. Any amount or way you're able to give is helpful in supporting our students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Visit our website for our sponsor form, donation form, and more information.

Sincerely,

The Gildow, McGahey & Nielsen Families  
Auction Chairs

[auction@stcletusparish.com](mailto:auction@stcletusparish.com)

<https://stcletusschool.com/fundraising/auction/>

## St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women

# ST. CLETUS COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women (CCW)  
Will host a fundraiser at The Highland Queen Drive-In on  
Saturday, March 6th,  
between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
10% of sales that day will be donated to the SCCCW.

## Worship Ministry

### CATHOLIC RESOURCES FOR LENT - 2021

<a href="http://www.Catholic-link.org">www.Catholic-link.org</a>	<a href="http://www.loyolapress.com">www.loyolapress.com</a>
<a href="http://www.ncea.org">www.ncea.org</a>	<a href="http://www.sadlier.com">www.sadlier.com</a>
<a href="http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org">www.catholicfamilyfaith.org</a>	<a href="http://www.dynamiccatholic.com">www.dynamiccatholic.com</a>
<a href="http://www.wordonfire.org">www.wordonfire.org</a>	<a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>
<a href="mailto:dailyreflections@csbsju.edu">dailyreflections@csbsju.edu</a>	

These are some resources to help refresh and connect us as we approach the holy season of Lent. You can also try typing -“free Catholic resources for Lent” and a myriad of possibilities, in addition to these, appear. Some sites haven’t updated all their material but still offer timeless thoughts or suggestions.

During this unusual time when we may feel isolated or even estranged from our faith and one another, it is especially important that we seek ways to strengthen our relationship with God and each other. Our Lenten mantra of prayer, fasting and giving can be experienced in a new and special way this Lent. God Bless Us All.

### ST. JOHN’S ABBEY

At any moment, thanks to technology, we seem submerged, if not overwhelmed, in and by human suffering. There is always some catastrophe with unimaginable sorrow and suffering; there are famines and drought, so many human conflicts all over the world, present to all of us no matter where we are; there is what

seems to be an epidemic of cancer, crime, oppression, terrorism, injustice, etc.

A few centuries ago, thanks to slower and limited communication, people would only hear of so much suffering elsewhere belatedly and piecemeal, if at all. Today there is no escape from it. We are inundated, like it or not. Trusted religious leaders anguish over it, trying to get a human handle on it.

Attempted explanations and understanding are, for all our effort, simply inadequate. They may tell us how tsunamis and earthquakes and war happen but we're all left with why? Or, often, "why me?" — whether in our hearts or in cries and screams. Philosophers and theologians when thinking about it call it a problem; better, call it a mystery.

The issue requires at least these two responses: 1) In the midst of universal horror and pain, it may be best to emphasize once again, and realize our solidarity with all suffering human beings--whenever and wherever--and draw what consequences we can. We are one human race; we share one planet. 2) We can and must pray. As with disease or catastrophe, we attempt to explain fumblingly how prayer works.

But what will help in actuality is simply to pray, best of all with trust in prayer (based, we hope, on personal experience), and trust in the God who in so many ways has shown us love and will yet again show us love.



# Stewardship Report

The February 7 Weekly Giving Report will be published in the February 21 Canticle.

## Ministry News

### JOIN OUR ROSARY COMMUNITY



I was a faithful “tabernacle side, up front” participant at the 11:00 Mass. You knew the “regulars” around you and knew when someone was missing (are they sick?) or when their relatives came to visit. It was just one way that a larger parish became smaller, more welcoming. This is one of the things I miss as we celebrate socially distanced Masses on our new schedule (all very necessary) is that sense of community.

But this is also one of the things that I love about saying the Rosary together at 1 o’clock each Wednesday. We have a faithful group of parishioners who join together in prayer. We share our intentions and pray for our families, parish and nation. We invite you to join us whenever you can. It is always good to sign in on the website, but come and unite with us in prayer. Sometimes I laugh that we are on a Zoom call with Mary, but how wonderful it is to take a half hour out of your day to spend with Our Mother. You are also welcome to make a reservation and come before the Lord in private prayer during this time; the church is open for us all. We will be waiting every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. for you to join us.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: FEBRUARY 17 – MARCH 28



You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! With God’s help, much good has been accomplished in the effort to protect the lives of the unborn.

The local 40 Days for Life Vigil in our community this Lent will take place at Access Health Center (in the public right-of-way), 1700 75th St, Downers Grove. Vigil hours: 7AM to 7PM daily. To learn more, contact Caron at 40daysdg@gmail.com. To sign up for prayer times go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>.

### INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

#### Questions/Answers With The Career Coach

Join Jody Eriksen, a Certified Advanced Career Coach, for The Coach's Corner on Thursday, February 18 from 7-8:30 pm via ZOOM. It is said that searching for a job is the hardest job you will ever have. You likely had years of experience in your previous position. However, you are a novice at job search and much has changed since your last search. Networking during a pandemic? ATS Systems? One or two page resume? Jody will welcome any and all questions and address job search questions you had not yet thought about. Have your questions answered and learn from the questions of other job seekers. Jody Eriksen offers her integrated background in Psychology, Business Administration and Professional Coaching to bring original tools and techniques to enhance your Career Development tool kit. The link to this ZOOM meeting can be found on our website at <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend

### COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

The **Compassionate Care Ministry** is again badly in need of postage stamps for its notes of sympathy and support during the first year following the loss of a loved one. Each bereaved family receives six cards during that year. This means that if there are ten funerals during a period of one month, 50 stamps are needed in that month alone. Your generous donations have meant so much in the past and we are very grateful.

If you are able to contribute to this worthwhile ministry in this way, it will be very much appreciated. Simply place them in an envelope marked **CCM** and put them through the slot in the rectory door—or drop them in one of the collection baskets located at each exit in the church building.

Thank you very much - Barbara Gleespen

**PRAY**  
with us

Remember the victims  
and everyone touched  
by COVID-19

# Community News

## THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of Covid-19.

### Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7 - 8:00 PM

Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

Awaken to the deep desire flickering in the soul - ours and the soul of the world

### Lenten At-Home Retreat

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 PM - March 3, 7 PM

Pat Bergen, CSJ, var. Spiritual Directors

Come home to your deepest Self, into alignment with the Spirit of the Living God. This is the call of Lent.

### Breaking Open the Word

Tuesdays, Feb. 23 – March 30 (6 sessions), 9 - 10:15 AM

Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ

Each week in Lent, bring Sunday's scriptures into dialogue with our own lives.

### Pause – Dive Deep – Live: Lenten Invitations During a Pandemic

Thursdays, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11 (3 sessions), 9:30 - 10:45 AM

Facilitator: Kathy Sherman, CSJ

Witness the journey of Jesus, and our own, thru input, music, sharing, quiet.

### Where Did Jesus Go?

Saturday all-day retreat, March 27, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Facilitator: Carolyn Toben

Share questions about the great sacred themes of resurrection, forgiveness, and the meaning of Jesus Christ in our own soul-longings.

## JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED PROGRAM

Program scheduled for March 13 & 14, 2021 cancelled due to Covid situation.

Next scheduled program June 26 & 27, 2021, St. Julie's, Tinley Park

*Additional Offering:*

A DAY OF "FLOWERING" FOR THE WIDOWED

August 1, 2020 | 8:30AM – 5:00PM

\*VIGIL MASS: 4:00PM

(IF EVENT ON-SITE at Blanchette Catholic Center)

Pre-registration is required by July 22. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2UMz5v1> or call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334

## 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.

## 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 [stcletusparish.com](http://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 708.352.6209

# Tax Statement by Request Only



As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2020 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket after Mass, or simply call the Parish Office at (708) 352-6209 and leave a message. Please include your name, phone and envelope # or address in your message. 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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 Español .....(708) 215-5440  
 School .....(708) 352-4820  
 www.stcletusparish.com.....  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that all deliveries and inquiries should be made to the parish center office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday-Friday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
 Saturday and Sunday .....Closed

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday .....7:15 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
 12:30 p.m. (SPANISH)  
 Weekdays.....Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.

We continue to offer daily Mass online and our 5pm Vigil Mass is livestreamed each Saturday. Be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel and click the bell icon to be notified of the latest videos. You can also find the link on our website and Facebook page.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions First Saturday of the Month 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. Must call parish offices to schedule a reservation.

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please make arrangements by calling Bobbie Kallal at (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

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Robert Clark, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Kenneth Baker, *Associate Pastor*  
 Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa Cadena, *Associate Pastor*  
 Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, *Deacon Couple*

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Baker/Paulette Bolton, *Worship* .... (708) 215-5422  
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Gregory Porod, *Principal*  
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 Mary Lee Krieger, *Administrative Assistant*  
 Jeannie Scalzitti, *Receptionist/Office Assistant*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF ..... (708) 352-2383

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 Paulette Bolton, *Director of Adult Faith Formation and Assistant Director of Worship*

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF ..... (708) 352-6209

Bobbie Kallal, *Human Resources/Records*  
 Mary Zwolinski, *Parish Accounting*  
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 Kadie Lestarczyk, *Parish Assistant*  
 Daria Sawicki, *Parish Assistant*

## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

Pastor ..... Fr. Bob Clark  
 Chairperson ..... Bob Wasik

### MEMBERS

Bob Malham  
 Kevin Hogan  
 Mike Napleton

### LIAISONS

FSA President ..... Rhonda Aumann  
 Athletic Association..... Tina Pryor

## 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.