



Saint Cletus Parish Canticle



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THREE CHEERS FOR OUR LEISURE LOAFERS!!!

In 1972 a group of senior parishioners formed a club at St. Cletus Parish known as the Leisure Loafers. The parish soon saw this was NOT a group of "old folks at home" but very active young at heart parishioners. They hosted monthly meetings, enjoyed many outings together Dinner Shows, Ice Capades, City Parks, China-town, and Lake Geneva Excursions just to name a few. They were also committed to helping and attending all parish activities.

Now after 44 years we say goodbye to this amazing and inspiring group. We thank all of those present and past members. You will always remain in our hearts and prayers. You have been an inspiration to us all.

In closing we thank you for your continued generosity to your parish with the gift to the Capital Campaign as your final act of support.

With love,

Fr. Bob and the parishioners of St. Cletus

WELCOME

So glad you could join us!

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- MAY 3: Eucharistic Adoration
- MAY 6: Holy Name Society Past President's Dinner
- MAY 7: First Communion
- MAY 25: St. Cletus School 8th Grade Graduation



Mass Intentions for the Week of May 2 - May 8, 2016

Day	Presider <small>(subject to change)</small>	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Pawel Dziura
Tuesday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Lourdes Pacheco
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Delphine Marciszewski
Thursday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	St. Cletus Priests Past and Present
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John Battistoni
Saturday	Fr. Baker Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Jeff Fiala, Mike Kinastowski Benjamin Patrick Hyink, Helen Tentler, Julie Nykiel, Rose Delaloye, Gladys Delaloye, William Madden
Sunday	Fr. Gamboa Fr. Baker Fr. Clark Fr. Clark Fr. Garcia	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	George Duda, Marco and Emilia Rattin, Joseph Felice, Eva & Stanley Grabowski, Lois Geraghty, Katherine & Georgeann Korkos Delphine Marciszewski, Joe & Kay Klemak, Joseph Tybor, Debbie Sipek, Ann Pastore, Margaret Maxwell Maria Wisniewska, Josephine Sorrentino, Patsy Walsh, Betty Niwa, Diane Bradford, Charles & Florence Straka Alice Frohnapfel, Zofia Pawula, Mary Flannery, Ann V. Carney, Valerie Moskus, MaryClare & George O'Connell St. Cletus Parishioners



Marriage Banns

**Dani Bucyk &
Michael Campolattara**

**Carrie Flanagan &
Paul Corrado**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MAY 3RD

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, May 3, and every first Tuesday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed at 6:15 p.m. followed by Benediction. Hispanic Adoration continues from 7-8 p.m.

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Next weekend a second collection will be taken for the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal. More info on p. 8. Thank you for your continued generous support.

NOTICE REGARDING BULLETIN ARTICLES

Please note that all canticle articles are to be emailed to canticle@stcletusparish.com. Please send as text with pictures separate. All articles are due no later than 5 p.m. Friday the week before Sunday's publication.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dan Plecki, Patricia Pilleggi, Isaac Musser, Jean Takes, Robert William, Martin Baumer, Helen Borsilli, Don Wettstein, Gene Wallace, John Eterno, Vivian Swibel, Jennifer Streit, Julianne Hausknecht, 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 McMahan, Roy Jenkinson, Erin Lively, Ed Barnicle, Glen Peters, Emily Ann Dzedzic, Collette Grisko-Dote, 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...

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER


On Holy Thursday, April 11, 1963, a letter was published, addressed to all people of goodwill. The signature at the end of the letter was that of Pope John XXIII, and the title of the letter was PACEM IN TERRIS – “PEACE ON EARTH”. It was the last letter, or encyclical, that John XXIII wrote. Two months later he was dead. The letter, therefore, stands as his “last will and testament”. After a lifetime spent in the diplomatic service of the Church, with appointments in Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and France between 1935 and 1953, Angelo Roncalli had returned to Italy, and to the care of souls, as Patriarch of Venice. When he was elected Pope, in 1958, he showed the world the warm and human face of a pastoral and fatherly figure.

The encyclical PACEM IN TERRIS is a landmark document. “Peace on Earth” is a most attractive thought and a dearly desired goal, but it remains elusive and unrealized. Many people would say that the idea of peace is unrealistic in our human society. In many ways Pope John XXIII would agree with them. This world is not a place of peace, he says in his letter. Pope John had first-hand experience of war and conflict. He knew what he was talking about. He had been a chaplain in the Medical Corps in the First World War. He had worked tirelessly for people in Greece and Turkey during the Second World War. He saw the end of that war in Paris.

Now, in 1963, as his life was ending, Pope John gave his great teaching, to direct us how to find peace and to work for peace in the world. He tells us to look into our human nature, and to find there the meaning inscribed by God. Looking into our nature, we will find the dignity of the human person. That is our starting point for the peace of the world.

At the Last Supper, the night before he died, Jesus made his own last will and testament to his disciples. St. John has recorded at length the words that Jesus spoke on that occasion. The great bequest that Jesus makes, his parting gift, is the gift of peace. It is the power of the Holy Spirit, which, after his death and resurrection, Jesus will send from the Father to all who love him and who keep his word. The Holy Spirit of God empowers people to live in tranquility of heart, and to negotiate the storms of this world without losing that peace. That is a powerful spirit and a tremendous gift.

The need for that Holy Spirit became evident very quickly in the life of the early Church. An argument broke out



about the very meaning of following Christ. Some Jewish converts wanted the sign of their tradition, circumcision, to be demanded of the Gentile converts. All sides of the argument were presented and argued for. Judgment was made, wise judgment, but not at the expense of any side. All points were given due consideration and value. It was not about winners and losers, but about finding the right way forward.

When Pope John wrote “Peace on Earth”, to all people of goodwill, he stressed especially the need for discussion and mutual understanding. “Conflicts”, he said, “should not be resolved by recourse to arms, but rather by negotiation.”

In May 2009 Pope Benedict XVI visited the Holy Land as “a pilgrim of peace”. The conflict in the Middle East and in the land of Jesus’ birth is a symbol of all the conflicts that exist throughout the world. In every place and in every generation the task of “making peace” continues. Pope Benedict spoke of “unleashing the power of respect, reconciliation and cooperation”. Instead of unleashing weapons on one another, we are called to understand the power of respect for human dignity, and the great good that it can do.

Pope John concluded his letter with a prayer: “May Christ inflame the desires of all... to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through his power and inspiration may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts... and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.”

“Peace be with you” is the Easter greeting of the risen Lord. That greeting is not merely a wish. It is a gift imparted to us. It is a responsibility. It is our calling and vocation.

Peace be with you and with your spirit!

Fr. Bob, Pastor

Parish School



DATES TO REMEMBER

Shop with Scrip Cash and Carry May 14 & 15
 D4D at Nothing Bundt Cakes May 23-28
 St. Cletus Cardinal Open Golf Outing June 24

FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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Taking a Break

Recently our students worked hard on their ASPIRE standardized tests. Our fourth graders were able to take a break from their hard work and spend some time outside to take advantage of the beautiful weather. They soaked up the sun and had a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament and played a fast and fun game of Wizard, Elves and Giant tag.



Reflecting on Miracles

Our junior high students took advantage of the CREDO sponsored exhibit, The Real Presence: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The exhibit featured over 140 accounts of Eucharistic Miracles recorded and verified by the Catholic Church. Each student chose a miracle to summarize and reflect upon. Many thanks to the CREDO team for their work to make such a powerful exhibit accessible to our students and parish community.



Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run is a 10 week after-school program for 3rd-5th graders that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The program culminates with the girls completing the Girls on the Run 5k on May 15th. Each week they are building the girls' confidence and celebrating all that makes them unique.

Youth Ministry

GENEROUS DONATIONS

Thank you to all St. Cletus Parishioners! Thank you for your openness last week as teens shared with you their goal to raise funds for the mission trip this summer, and thank you so much to all who shared generously with financial contributions. Your support has given us a major boost in our fundraising goals, and we are so grateful to be blessed by your generosity!

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Six teens gathered last Sunday to prepare dinner and serve it to the guests at the Ronald McDonald House. The group worked together seamlessly to cook a chicken, fettuccini with homemade alfredo sauce, steamed broccoli, spinach salad, and brownies. They also had a tour of the house to learn more about the Ronald McDonald mission and goals. They represented the St. Cletus Parish beautifully!



SPIRIT SOCIAL FOR ALL 8TH GRADERS

On Friday May 6th from 7-8 pm, all 8th graders from the school, parish, and RE classes are invited to attend a social in Morrissey Hall. This is a great opportunity to mingle with other students who may be going to the same high school as you as next year, or meet some who are not, as well as to get to know some of the high school teens already involved in youth ministry. Feel free to wear a shirt representing your chosen high school! RSVP appreciated but NOT required at etomasek@stcletusparish.com!

PARENTING FOR PURITY

How is a parent to compete with MTV, sexting, Internet porn, and all the other influences that allure young people away from a pure life? In this seminar parents are offered communication techniques, resources, statistics, and a wealth of information to assist them in their task as the primary sex educators of their children. Jason Evert is an internationally known speaker who is part of the Chastity Project team. This is an amazing opportunity for parents to find hope and gain some insight at St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale on Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm in the church. This event is for parents only.



Contact Elizabeth Tomasek at etomasek@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5419 www.stcletusparish.com/youth

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Social Concerns Ministry

Food Pantry

Most needed at this time:

- Landry detergent
- Cleaning supplies
- Juice
- Coffee
- Canned or dry milk

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.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Special words of appreciation to our good friend and neighbor, St. John of the Cross Parish, for donating their April food collection to our pantry. We are doing well in our preparations for the May 12 food distribution, as a result of your continued generosity. Thank you for faithfully adding food pantry requests to your shopping list!

On Saturday, May 14th, mail carriers across the country will be collecting donations to help fill local food banks. You can show your support by setting a bag of food by your mailbox. Thank you!

Fill A Bag. Help Feed Families.

- 1. Collect and bag nonperishable* food items**
Coloque los alimentos no perecederos en una bolsa junto a su buzón de correo
- 2. Place by mailbox for letter carrier to deliver to a local food bank or pantry**
El cartero las entregará a un banco de alimentos local

*Donate items like canned meats, fish, soup, juice, vegetables, pasta, cereal, peanut butter and rice. Please do not include items that have expired or are in glass containers.

Saturday, May 14, 2016

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INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK

Tools, Tips and Techniques For Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, May 5, 7-9. Our speaker will be Kevin Crews, a highly respected recruiter and trainer with over 20 years of experience working for Fortune 500 companies such as Citigroup and Discover Financial Services. Kevin can offer a new dimension to your job search by giving his perspective from the recruiter's side of the desk. Kevin knows how to find top talent in places other recruiters are not even looking. Learn what it takes to get noticed in today's job market at St. Cletus School, Room 201. Look for the ICN sign outside and enter at the flag pole entrance.

Career Transition Boot Camp - Last 2 Weeks

Please join us on Tuesday, May 3 from 7-9 pm when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will host Week #4 of their 5-week workshop. With 80% of the jobs found in the "hidden job market", networking is the heart of any job search. Jim Peterson will coach you on the fundamentals of this critical search strategy. Jim will also provide job search tips for people over 50 or re-entering the work force. Join us at 150 S Ashland Ave for one or all of the consecutive Tuesday sessions and gain new skills that will help you land a new position. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com

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

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

ARE YOU IN AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP OR ARE YOU AFRAID IN YOUR OWN HOME?

CALL THE 24-HOUR PHONE FOR HELP: 708.485.5254

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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 to the left.

You are not alone.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY REFLECTION: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



In formal documents, presentations, and homilies outlining the purpose of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis explains that compassion and understanding for those in difficult situations is not only our individual responsibility, but something the whole Church officially needs to manifest. Today's Acts of the Apostles reading presents a moving example of the early church doing precisely that. Prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit assures the assembly that they have not acted alone in discerning the correct resolution: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." And they have chosen the compassionate response: "not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28). Yet how daringly creative—the Jewish majority sets aside lifelong rituals that establish spiritual identity and express covenant fidelity. How radically trustful—the church affirms universally valid principles while respecting uniquely local and personal situations. Exactly the grace Pope Francis prays this Jubilee Year will renew in today's Church!

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AGING CARE CONNECTIONS



SENIOR WEEK EVENTS BEGIN MAY 16

Tai Chi, a Senior Talent Show and a creative writing class are some of more than 20 free events that a coalition of senior service agencies, led by Aging Care Connections, has planned for Celebrating Seniors Week on May 16-20 at a variety of locations.

The "Celebrating Seniors Week," organized by more than nine senior serving agencies, will include informational seminars, intergenerational activities and fun events aimed at celebrating those older adults who live in Lyons, Proviso and Riverside Townships.

The calendar of events will feature a combination of informational sessions as well as entertainment and fitness activities. Nearly 40 speakers and organizations have volunteered to support this effort by sharing their expertise or offering their space free of charge.

A comprehensive Resource Guide, printed in partnership with The Doings, will be published early in May and distributed through the Doings newspapers as well at village halls, libraries, senior centers and park districts. The Guide will list the calendar of events as well as provide a list of resources available to seniors, including social services, fitness and housing.

Aging Care Connections is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of older adults and their families through community-based services that promote dignity, self-respect and independence. For more information on services provided by Aging Care Connections or for information on Celebrating Seniors Week, call 708-354-1323, ext. 242 or go to www.agingcareconnections.org.

JUBILEE OF MERCY REJOICE

When the mercy of God takes hold of our lives and finds us, we have every reason to rejoice. Even more, God rejoices that his beloved sons and daughters, who were lost, now belong to him and him alone once again. *"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance."* (Luke 15:7)

ONE WORD AT A TIME

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Spring 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Mother's Day, each of us will have an opportunity to join in the Church's sacred mission of charity through our donations to Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection. Funds raised from the collection will be used to help struggling families and individuals living right in our own communities.

With 150 programs at 164 locations throughout Cook and Lake Counties, Catholic Charities annually serves more than one million poor and vulnerable people of all ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds. Catholic Charities helps people overcome the challenges of poverty, hunger, homelessness, joblessness, mental illness, abuse, and aging. Low-income families, at-risk children, courageous veterans, and vulnerable seniors rely on Catholic Charities for food, clothing, shelter, and a host of other services.

Supporting the extraordinary work of Catholic Charities takes on special significance during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. By designating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has provided us a graced opportunity to appreciate more deeply how the mercy of God shapes our lives and, at the same time, how we can bring that mercy into the world through our own actions and the way we live our lives. Catholic Charities exemplifies how we are to transmit His love and compassion to our brothers and sisters who are facing tremendous difficulties.

Mother's Day is the one day set aside for Catholic Charities to request the financial support of each of us in the parishes. Please show your support for the great mercy of the Church by contributing to Catholic Charities during the second collection, or make your donations directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654, or www.catholiccharities.net/donate. Now is a particularly important time for us to give generously, as Catholic Charities must contend with the repercussions of the Illinois state budget crisis, which has placed tremendous financial stress on their ability to serve the poor and vulnerable.

During this Jubilee Year, let us take up the Pope's challenge to bring the transformative power of God's infinite mercy into our world. Working together, we can raise up our brothers and sisters in need, providing compassion and concrete support to propel them to a new life filled with hope and dignity. Many thanks for considering a gift to Catholic Charities. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Blase J. Cupich

Most Revered Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or* Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or* John 17:20-26.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Athanasius

Tuesday: Ss. Philip and James

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday);
Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
National Day of Prayer; Cinco de Mayo

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 *or*
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
(for Ascension); otherwise

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;
Eph 1:17- 23 *or* Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One ancient Roman custom that was approved by the church was the veiling of the bride. When a single woman pledged her life to Christ, in a way of life not dissimilar to today's religious women, the outward sign of this commitment was a veiling. In ancient Rome, a woman with uncovered head was unmarried, and a veiled woman was "off limits to suitors." It was one small step to decide that a bride should receive a veil from the hands of the church as a sign of her new state in life. The prayer that accompanied the veiling was beautiful, and sung, a kind of consecratory prayer that was very similar to the prayer of ordination, or the prayers for blessing holy water or chrism. The "nuptial blessing" originally mentioned only the woman, although we know that the veil was often extended to cover the husband's shoulders also. The blessing was located before the kiss of peace, which the priest gave to the husband, and the husband to his new bride. Remember that this is in the early centuries, long before the kiss of peace virtually disappeared from liturgy.

The veiling and blessing was required when priests or deacons married, was recommended to laypersons, but forbidden for certain public sinners and second marriages. The veiling of the couple was preserved in England until the Reformation, and is returning to practice among Swedish Lutherans after having fallen into disuse about seventy-five years ago. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Other Ministry Notes

AN INVITATION FROM FR. LORENZO

Come and join us to pray for the sick at La Grange Adventist Hospital every Wednesday during Mass. The Mass is celebrated at 11:30 a.m. in the Hospital Chapel. Also, if you would like to volunteer as a lector or cantor please come and let the pastoral care office know or let us know before the Mass begins. Blessings.

Thanks and blessings,
Fr. Lorenzo

NOW HIRING

Maintenance - The parish is looking for part-time maintenance help—20-25 hours a week—evenings and weekends. Please contact Debbie Lestarczyk for additional information at dlestarczyk@stcletusparish.com or 708 215-5405.

Maintenance Summer Help - This summer the parish will be hiring additional help with maintenance. Position will be June through August working days, evenings and weekends. Please contact Debbie Lestarczyk for additional information at dlestarczyk@stcletusparish.com or 708 215-5405.

Rectory Housekeeper - 15-20 hours a week, flexible schedule. Please contact Debbie Lestarczyk for additional information at dlestarczyk@stcletusparish.com or 708 215-5405.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS GATHERING

Sunday, May 15 at 1pm all liturgical ministers (Eucharistic ministers, lectors, sacristans, ushers, wedding ministers) are invited at the Hagen house, 1040 Woodview Road in Burr Ridge. Please RSVP to cahmd@aol.com if you can but don't hesitate to come at the last minute. If you are bringing something (not required but always welcome) please let me know so that I can arrange the table.

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

The St Cletus Music Ministry is looking for more instruments and young people get involved in the liturgy. All ages are welcome to join, from school children to teens to young adults to adults. Bring a friend and join... we will put together a few groups for the summer and next fall.

Contact Larry LaLonde at llalonde@stcletusparish.com if interested.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

PAST PRESIDENTS' DINNER – MAY 6TH

The Holy Name Society's Past Presidents' Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday, May 6th at Wolfs Head Restaurant, located at 6937 Joliet Road in Indian Head Park (in the strip mall at Wolf and Joliet Roads, just west of the Dome Restaurant). The event begins at 6:00 PM (for cocktails), with dinner at 7:00 PM. All Holy Name members in good standing are invited to attend and are encouraged to donate a prize for the raffle.

Please sign-up to attend (by May 3rd) on the Sign-up Sheet posted in the Ministers' Room where additional information for the event is also posted. Contact Bill Wettstein (708-227-0642) or Ron Zmuda (708-710-4706) with any questions or to be added to the sign-up list.

SAVE THE DATE MAY D4D

Nothing Bundt Cakes in downtown La Grange will donate 30% of all purchases to St. Cletus School during our May Dining for Dollars (D4D) event which runs from 5/23 through 5/28. A flyer is required which will be published in the 5/22 bulletin.

ST. CLETUS GOLF OUTING



The 15th Annual Cardinal Open Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 24th at Gleneagles Country Club. Email golfouting@stcletusparish.com for info and sponsorship opportunities.

ST. CLETUS COMEDY NIGHT

When: Friday, May 13 at 8 p.m.
Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Morrissey Hall
Cost: \$40 per person

Bring a friend and a beverage of your choice to laugh along with Kevin Bozeman, 2010 semi-finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," 2000 winner of the Midwest region of the HBO "Comedy Competition," and second place finisher in the Boston Comedy Competition in 2005.

Tickets can be purchased via cash or check at the door.



BABY SHOWER AND CARNATION SALE



Mother's Day Baby Shower & Carnation Sale

The Saint Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities will host its 25th Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation

Sale after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend.

Baskets will be in the church Narthex to collect baby gifts.

Gift Suggestions:

- new layette items
- baby shampoo
- baby wipes (fragrance free)
- baby wash cloths
- diapers (newborn to size 6)
- baby towels
- baby blankets
- undershirts (onesies type)
- bibs
- non-mercury thermometers
- baby cornstarch
- sleepers to size 9 months
- baby hats/caps (summer type)
- baby outfits (spring and summer) up to 2T

Please do not gift wrap your donations.

Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own Parish community area and the Women's Care Center of La Grange.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton, Coordinators
St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities
(708) 579-0118

ST. CLETUS WEDDING MINISTRY

The St. Cletus Wedding Ministry cordially invites all parishioners, male and female, to join this ministry. We work in teams assisting the parish staff with wedding rehearsals and wedding day facilitation.



WEDDING MINISTRY

Wedding ministers help to organize and run the wedding rehearsals, usually held the day before. On the wedding day, ministers are responsible for setting up the Sacristy, organizing the Bridal party and making sure that all things are running smoothly and on time. The ministers pick the wedding dates to fit their schedules. For more information, please contact Bobbie Kallal at (708) 352-6209.

A MESSAGE FROM CRS

On Saturday, April 16, a 7.8 magnitude Earthquake occurred along the coast of Ecuador. Catholic Relief Services teams are on the ground evaluating needs in the most affected areas for providing emergency relief and support. Please consider donating to support the families suffering loss and devastation. This work will continue throughout the long recovery period. Thank you for your prayers. Mail donations to:

ATTN: Ecuador Earthquake Emergency Appeal
Catholic Relief Services 3525 S. Lake Park Ave.
Chicago, IL 60653

or follow the link on the Archdiocese website:
<http://www.archdioceseofchicago.org/>

A Prayer for the People of Ecuador

God, you are in the midst of those who suffer.

May all affected by the earthquake in Ecuador feel your healing presence.

God, you are in the hands of those who reach out.

Help responders in their courageous work.

God, you are in the still small voice.

The gentle whisper that follows.

May our ears always hear,

May our hearts always cry out for one another,

And may we always walk like you walk in solidarity with those who suffer,

And so reflect your presence and comfort.

Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR ORDINATION TO ALL OF OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Fr. Robert Clark – May 22, 1999

Fr. Lorenzo Gamboa - May 23, 2011

Fr. Kenneth Baker – May 19, 1984

Fr. Ronald Anglim - April 29, 1965

Deacon Jesús Casas – February 4, 2007

Deacon Stuart Heyes - May 25, 2012

We are blessed to have you and pray that God will continue to strengthen and guide you as you serve the people of God.

Community Bulletin Board

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. 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

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“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Francis Bitterman (312) 534-8298, or email: fbitterman@archchicago.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

St. Cletus Boy Scout Troop 19 is having their annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 1st from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion Hall, 700 S. La Grange Road, La Grange, IL. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, bakery, fruit, coffee, orange juice and milk. All made and served by our very own scouts. Have a great breakfast and support scouting at the same time. Cost is \$5 a person. For questions contact Rose Fanta rosefanta@att.net.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on June 10-12, 2016 or August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

CELEBRATE MOTHER’S DAY WITH VICAR GENERAL VERY REV. RONALD A. HICKS!



Mother’s Day Mass for Expectant Mothers
Sunday, May 8, 12:30 p.m.
Holy Name Cathedral 735 N. State Street, Chicago

Very Rev. Ronald A. Hicks will give a Special Blessing to all Mothers, including those awaiting the birth of a child, and their unborn children! All are welcome! All expectant Mothers will receive a silk

rose and St. Gerard Prayer Card & Medal as a keepsake. St Gerard is the Patron Saint of expectant mothers.

Sponsored by The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Holy Name Cathedral. For more information, call (312) 534-5355

BLUESTEM EARTH FESTIVAL 2016

Saturday, May 21st
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
University of St. Francis,
Joliet, IL
FREE Admission



The Joliet Franciscan Sisters and Associates are presenting their third annual Bluestem Earth Festival. The goal of this free event is to educate and empower individuals and families to live healthier, more sustainable and more socially responsible lifestyles. Visit BluestemEarthFestival.com for more information!

WORD OF LIFE



“Little did I know that God was there, all along, offering me his love... The power of forgiveness is life-altering. I am happy again and the people whom I love sense that.”

“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
www.goo.gl/J2WGnW

JOYFUL AGAIN FOR WIDOWED MEN & WOMEN

There will be a retreat/workshop at July 9 & 10, 2016 at St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Pk. Il. and on July 23 & 24, 2016, at Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Rd. Inverness,IL Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. Space limited – register early. Phone: 708-354-7211 email: Joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

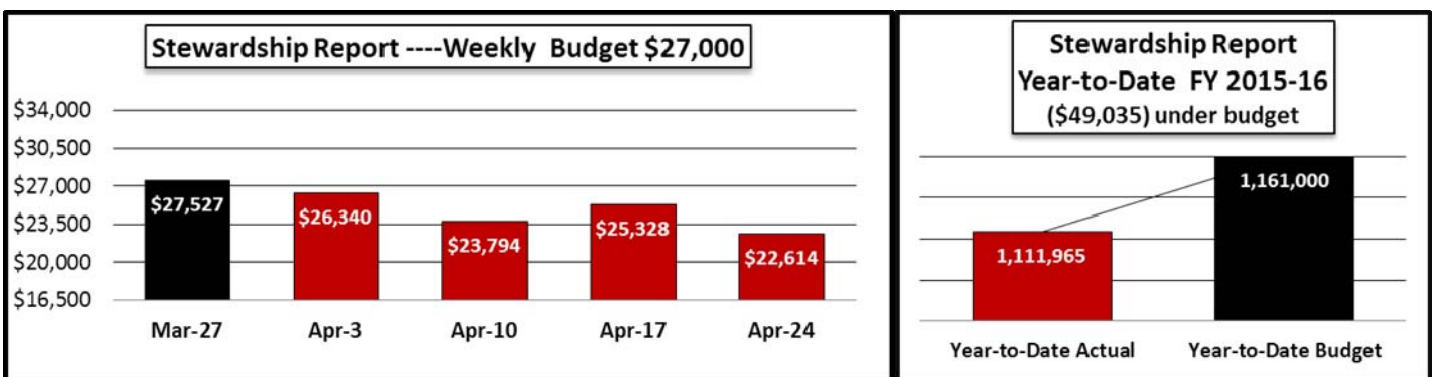
Week at a Glance

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

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 1			
Monday, May 2	4:00pm	S Music Room	Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 3	8:30am 6:15pm 7:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm	Church Church S Rm 213 RB Church S Rm 202 MH	Adoration and Benediction Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction Social Concerns Commission Meeting School Board Meeting Hispanic Adoration Hispanic Ministry Men's Prayer Group Girls Church League Basketball
Wednesday, May 4	9:00am 9:00am 6:00pm	RB Church Church	Mission Ladies School Mass First Communion Practice
Thursday, May 5	6:00pm 7:00pm 7:30pm	Church S Rm 201 S Music Room	First Communion Practice ICN Meeting Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 6	8:00pm	off-site	Holy Name Society Past Presidents' Dinner
Saturday, May 7	10:00am 12:30pm 5:00pm	Church Church Narthex	First Communion First Communion Respect Life Baby Shower and Carnation Sale
Sunday, May 8	After Masses	Narthex	Respect Life Baby Shower and Carnation Sale

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY GIVING REPORT




ST. CLETUS ONLINE GIVING... DONATIONS MADE EASY



We encourage you to make online donations by logging onto our website, www.stcletusparish.com and click on the Donate button and register using your checking account, debit card or credit card. Questions? Call Mary Zwolinski at the rectory, (708) 352-6209.

St. Cletus Parish Information

CONTACT US

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 Español(708) 215-5440
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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

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 Day6:30 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

Rev. Robert Clark, *Pastor*
 Rev. Kenneth Baker, *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Ron Anglim, *Weekend Associate*
 Rev. Mr. Jesús & Silvia Casas, *Deacon Couple*
 Rev. Mr. Stuart & Marlene Heyes, *Deacon Couple*

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