



# *Easter*

SUNDAY

APRIL 1, 2018

Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

## Mass Intentions for the Week of April 2 - April 8, 2018

Day	Presider (subject to change)	Time	Intentions
Monday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Catherine Hayes
Tuesday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Wednesday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	Virginia Rachford, Michael Lombardo
Thursday	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Renee Saban, Helen Olson, Ralph Kriho, Stanley Zagdronik
Friday	Fr. Clark	8:00 a.m.	John Cooper
Saturday	Fr. Gamboa	8:00 a.m.	Joseph & Kay Klemak
	Fr. Gamboa	5:00 p.m.	Mark Vogt, Riccardone & Calandriello Families, Mary Trtol, Georgia Popp, Stella & Felix Gembala, Dennis Gabriel, Shirley Sharkey, Edward Hrszenjak, Special Intention - Craig Londowski
Sunday	Fr. Clark	7:00 a.m.	Riccardone & Calandriello Families, Josephine & Anton Kuchta, George Duda John Baker Sr., Stacy Baker
	Fr. Baker	8:00 a.m.	Riccardone & Calandriello Families, Andrew L Jaskierski
	Fr. Clark	9:30 a.m.	Josephine Sorrentino, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Bill DePasquale, Joseph Schey
	Fr. Baker	11:00 a.m.	Gene Kennedy, John Pavula, Joseph Cieczczak, John Battistoni, Frank Dunbar
	Fr. Gamboa	12:30 p.m.	Deceased St. Cletus Parishioners

### FACILITIES CLOSED APRIL 2

St. Cletus Parish Facilities will be closed on Monday, April 2nd, after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that our Parish Offices are now located in the new Parish Center. All inquiries and deliveries should be directed to the Parish Center. Food Pantry will remain in the Rectory.

### WELCOME WEEKEND APRIL 7-8



Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, April 7-8, after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

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

### 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.*

**March** - Dan Gibbons, Denise Mulcrone, Rosa Nilles, Patricia Rodey, Lucy Schoenecker, Frank Colonna

**February** - Gerda E. Dorso, Kathryn McCord, Ayanna Kucera O'Neill

**January** - Denis Campbell, Susan Gundrum, John Kwak, Patrick Machroli, Marcelino Oliveros Jr, Jerry Plucienik, Kyle Marsden, Chuck Harwood

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



## Notes from Fr. Bob...

### EASTER SUNDAY 2018

The old man had been a soldier of the Second World War, and then a coalminer. When he died, his grave was a simple place, with a black headstone, bearing his name and the dates of his birth and death. The earth itself is simply grassed over. About a year after his death his daughter came over from Germany, accompanied by her German husband, and they brought with them a beautiful black lantern, which they placed on the grave. Apparently, it is a familiar custom in Germany to adorn the graves of loved ones with lanterns, and to light candles within them on those special days in November when the dead are commemorated. How poignant, too, that a German son-in-law should place a lantern on the grave of an American soldier. Sadly they never got the chance to light the lantern on that grave, for within a few months of it being placed there, the beautiful lantern was stolen.

This stealing from graves is nothing rare these days. "Is nothing sacred?" someone asks. Apparently not. Yet it remains a most upsetting thing to have anything stolen from a grave. Our loved ones are so precious to us, and their graves are sacred places. Though they are gone from us, we tend their graves and keep them neat and tidy, just as we hold their memory ever dear in our hearts.

On the morning of Easter day, the women who went to the tomb were about to begin the process of tending the grave, by anointing the dead body of Jesus and then reclosing the tomb. How shocked they must have been to see the stone rolled away, and how much more upsetting it must have been for them to discover that the body was not in the tomb. It must have been stolen! "Someone has taken it," Mary Magdalen cried. Going back to the disciples how sad the women would have felt to bring the terrible news.

This news has to be verified, so Peter and John run to the garden where the tomb is located, and the evidence is lying there before them. Grave cloths left on the ground. Head cloth rolled up in a place by itself. What does it all mean? What has happened here? This is not the work of grave robbers. Why would they unwrap the body? No. Something stranger still than grave robbery has happened here. This is death robbery. Death has been robbed of its power. It has been robbed of its power to devastate and to destroy. Life has returned to this place, and to this world, and to our lives.



"Until this moment," the Gospel of John says, "the disciples had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead." Some things are very hard for us to understand. Some things are outside of our experience, and some are beyond our wildest expectations. For many people some things are beyond the realms of possibility. Rising from the dead is one of those things. It just does not happen. All the evidence tells us that death is pretty final. It is the end of everything. It is our dissolution.

Acceptance of the fact of death is in many ways a mature attitude, a realistic response to the fact of our mortality. Yet there is another response, a rebellion against death, a protest, that Dylan Thomas, the poet, so eloquently expressed when he told us to "rage, rage against the dying of the light". Is it not true that death in so many ways makes a mockery of life? It is almost an insult to all that life hoped to be, for to die is to lose life.

Now, here, on this Easter day, we have the great discovery, the great find. Life wins. Love wins. John, the beloved disciple, who was to write so eloquently of life and love, went to the tomb, "he saw and he believed". What he saw was an empty tomb, but he also "saw" more deeply into the mystery of what the empty tomb means. It means that the Lord is risen, and in him the fullness of life has been restored to us. So, even the stealing of a lantern from the grave is not the end of the world. Christ is the light of the world, a light that darkness cannot overpower. St. John saw that for himself on that first Easter morning. May that same Easter light shine on us today.

*Easter Joy,*

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



# Parish School

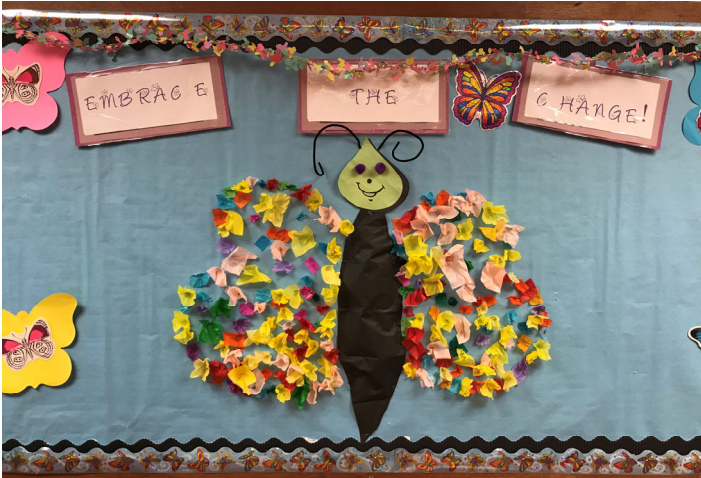


### DATES TO REMEMBER

School Resumes ..... April 3  
 Cardinal College..... April 10  
 Beauty and the Beast Jr. .... April 25-26

### FOR INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR

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### Kindergarten Kindness

Each piece of tissue represents an act of kindness by a kindergartner at St. Cletus School. Wow, that’s a lot of kindness and it shows how we work hard to follow Jesus’ example of loving and caring for others! Kindness counts in KINDergarten!



### An Eruption of Science

For the last part of our second graders rock and mineral unit, students worked together in our science lab to construct a volcano out of modeling clay. Once completed it was brought to life by creating a chemical reaction of baking soda and vinegar.



### Living Stations

Our graduating eighth-graders did a beautiful job with their presentation of the Living Stations of the cross. Their efforts were enjoyed by the parish community last Thursday evening. Thank you to the students and volunteers that made this annual service a success.



### Washing of Feet

In church, the foot washing ceremony is an important call for all people that they too should be willing to serve others. St. Cletus School Students participated in a Washing of the Feet Prayer Service on Friday before leaving for Spring Break.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Easter 2018

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord Jesus,

The news today seems to be dominated by death-dealing forces and foreclosed possibilities. This past year has brought us a plague of gun-violence, streams of helpless refugees in different parts of the world, struggles in our own nation around questions of immigration and racism, countless victims of natural disasters, and large numbers of people who are—in the words of Pope Francis—“discarded.” There seems to be scant room for hope and optimism.

Yet, we know by our own experience as believers and our common bonds of faith that this is not the full story of reality. There, indeed, is other news, the good news of our Easter faith. Christ has conquered all death and evil. Christ is risen!

When we profess our faith in the risen Lord, we do not deny the pain and suffering at work in our world. The risen Christ himself bears his wounds of his suffering, but he is risen. He has conquered sin and death, and our victory is certain. We hold a great hope in him who leads forward. But, it does not end there, for as St. Paul tells us, all of that we celebrate in these days has taken place so that we “might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died for our sakes and was raised.”

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, our commitment to *Renew My Church* means that we take our Easter faith seriously to the point that it becomes the source of new energy for communities and individuals who share our faith with the world and bring it hope the world cannot take away.

May our faith in the Risen Lord be alive in our hearts, and may we share that gift widely and generously with others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Card. Blase J. Cupich".

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago



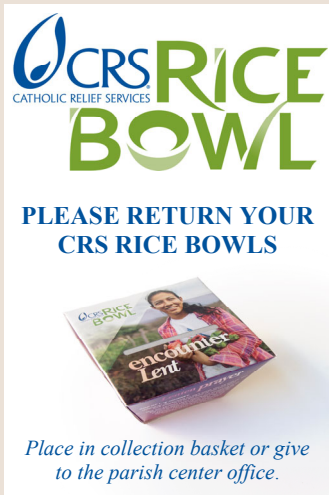
## Social Concerns Ministry

### FOOD PANTRY

Most needed at this time:

- Baby wipes
- Canned or dry milk
- Cleaning supplies
- Cereal

Donations can be dropped off before or after masses or anytime daily between 7:45am-4pm in Food Pantry bins in the Narthex (at the back of church).



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

We are making many exciting updates and changes to our food pantry. Our long term goal is to improve the food pantry to best meet the needs of our neighbors where they are, serve them with dignity, and provide pathways to self-sufficiency. Most of the steps to achieve these goals will happen beginning in May. An overview of each of these changes is below:

**Permanent Space:** The food pantry has had a small storage space and each month we move everything into the Church Narthex for distribution. We are beginning to permanently move the pantry to the rectory basement and host our distribution out of this space instead of Church. This will allow us to expand our storage capacity, offer client choice, add freezers/refrigerators, and offer weekly distribution to clients.

**Extended Hours & Weekly Distribution:** We are thrilled to finally be able to offer distribution weekly (instead of monthly) to the clients starting in May. This increases access to food, particularly to working families, by extending hours and dates to open our doors on a more frequent and accessible basis. **Distribution will switch this to every Thursday night from 6:00-8:00pm.** Clients will still be able to come just once a month but will have many more options to come when it is most convenient for them.

**Client Choice:** This will allow us to shift from pre-packed bags to full choice distribution, encouraging healthy food choices, nutrition, and dignity for pantry clients by allowing them to select the items they wish to receive while also reducing food waste.

**Wider Variety of Items:** With this new space we will be able to offer meat, milk, and other cold/frozen perishable items. We currently have an onsite garden with 10 raised beds. With the increased space and distribution schedule we will be able to get our homegrown, organic, local produce to the clients more often so less food goes to waste.

**Technology:** Starting in April, we will switch over our paper registration book to the Greater Chicago Food Depository online client registration system, Food Bank Manager. This will streamline our intake process and significantly improve our capacity to track data.

**Volunteers:** These changes will shift some of our current volunteer roles while opening up many new opportunities for volunteers, especially during Thursday evening distributions. We will be looking for additional volunteers to help on Thursdays between 5:30-8:30pm. A Sign Up Genius will be used and can be accessed on the St. Cletus website under the Social Concerns-Food Pantry tabs.

All of these changes and updates to our pantry will help us to provide better service to more clients, more often. We will continue to post updates in the Canticle in the coming weeks with more details on each of these components and ways you can help. We encourage you to check back often as we move forward on these exciting updates. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

### LENTEN OUTREACH - ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms-and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the Parish Center or the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Monthly Domestic Violence Support Group**



ON A TYPICAL DAY,  
THERE ARE MORE THAN

**20,000  
PHONE  
CALLS**

PLACED TO DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE HOTLINES

**If you or someone close to you is experiencing domestic violence**, this group may be very helpful. The objective of the group is to provide all a chance to talk about domestic violence and share questions, concerns and experiences with others who are facing - or who have faced - similar situations in confidence.

Please contact Kendall Grant at 708.215.5418 or

kgrant@stcletusparish.com for more information.

*In an emergency, dial 911, call the National Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline at 800-799-7233 or the local hotline for Pillars, found in the box below **You are not alone.***



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH  
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AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION  
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org



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

CALL THE  
24-HOUR PHONE  
FOR HELP:  
**708.485.5254**

**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL**

**10th Annual Friends of the Poor Benefit**

During the 2018 “Friend of the Poor” Benefit for Chicago -SVDP there will be a Grand Prize Car Raffle to win a 2018 Buick Encore! (\$25,000 Value). Raffle Tickets are \$25 Each. Winner need not be present to win. Drawing held day of event, April 22, 2018 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. Must be 18 years of age or older to enter raffle. No redeemable cash value. Winner responsible for taxes, title, transfer, and insurance. To purchase tickets: [www.svdpbenefit.org](http://www.svdpbenefit.org)



**INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK**

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

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

We are a non-profit organization that works with volunteers to provide rides to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Lyons, Proviso, and Riverside Townships. Over 100 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical appointments, therapy, and errands such as the grocery store, bank, and church.

**Volunteer Drivers** - Please consider becoming a Volunteer driver. Contact us at 708-354-9328 for an info packet, visit us at [www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org](http://www.interfaithcommunitypartners.org). Can you spare an hour a week? We will work around your busy life.

**Vases Needed** - Our Petal Pusher program is in great need of vases! The smaller, the better! The size of a mason jar is the size we need--think something that would fit in a cup holder. Nothing large, as they are difficult for our older adults to handle. They may be dropped off at 150 S. Ashland Ave., La Grange, (enter our offices on the Catherine Ave. side of the building) between 9am-3pm.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**April 1, 2018 Violation and Restoration** - Divine though he was, Christ was also man. So we say of him, true God *and true man*. And as man, he was the perfect one. He possessed beyond measure but without sin the “image of God” on which rests the dignity conferred by the Creator on humankind. That’s why the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual violence done Christ by the Crucifixion was the consummate violation of human dignity. And yet, praise God, dawns Easter, the apex of the fullness of time when we, in the words of the Preface for Holy Mass on this day, can proclaim:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
at all times to acclaim you, O Lord,  
but on this day above all  
to laud you yet more gloriously,  
when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

For he is the true Lamb  
who has taken away the sins of the world;  
by dying he has destroyed our death,  
and by rising, restored our life.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy,  
every land, every people exults in your praise  
and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts,  
sing together the unending hymn of your glory,  
as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

# Easter Sunday

## PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today’s scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing “Alleluia!”

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John’s Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalms** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## THE VICTOR

Today the Victor o’er his foes  
For human consolation rose. Alleluia.

—*Surrexit Christus hodie*, Translated by J. M. Neale

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter  
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter  
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter  
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter  
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;  
First Friday; Julian Calendar Good Friday  
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter;  
First Saturday

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

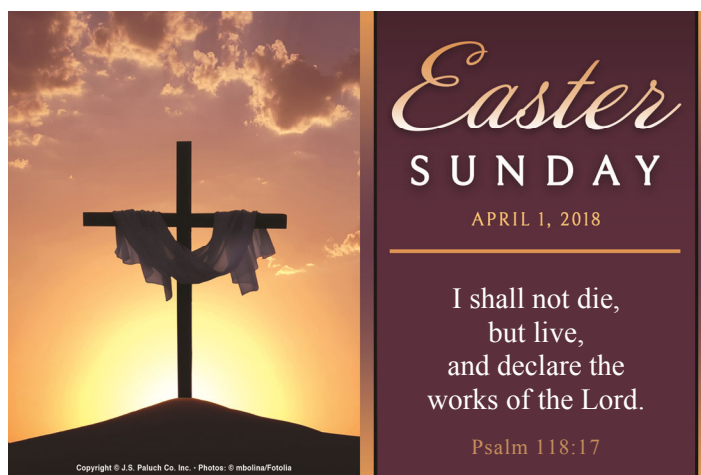
The Paschal Mystery is the key to our Christian faith: the dying and rising of Jesus that is the pattern of our life. In their first steps on the road of faith, the catechumens feel the cross of glory traced over their eyes, on their lips, across their shoulders, on their ears, over their heart, and on their feet. The mystery is that even death gives way to life for those who are held in the embrace of Jesus. Today, many new Christians arise from the waters of the font. Yet the font is not the destination of their journey. The goal is Pentecost, fifty days from now, and a lifetime of praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the world. “Neophyte,” our ancient word for newly-baptized people, means “newly-planted” in Greek. If someone in your parish has just been baptized, welcome them today. The smiles on their faces and the light in the eyes is a foretaste of heaven.

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

## THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

—Frederick Temple





## Religious Education

### UPCOMING RE DATES:

**April 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30**  
RE Classes in Session

#### April 21

First Communion Retreat for all children preparing for this sacrament plus one parent in Morrissey Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### May 8

First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 for children in 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 12

#### May 9

First Communion Practice in Church from 6:30-8 for children in 1 p.m. Mass on May 12

#### May 12

First Communion Masses at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### HAPPY EASTER



Easter greetings from the Religious Education Office! May the joys and blessings of this Easter season be with your family all year long! Attached are some photos of the Living Stations of the Cross which was presented by our 5th Grade Students.

Keep in mind that we return to RE classes on April 8 and 9. The next few weeks are very busy for the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. The children are learning their special Communion Song which will be sung at the Communion Celebrations on May 12th, and preparing for their First Communion Retreat on April 21st.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



#### Parents:

**What are your kids doing this summer?**

**Have them join us at our  
Shipwrecked VBS!**

Calling all children entering Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade! We invite you to join us on June 18-22<sup>nd</sup> as we venture into an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive! Join us as we spark imagination and faith-building fun with your children! We will anchor your children in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms!

**June 18-22, 2018**

9 a.m. – 12 noon each day

Morrissey Hall in the Parish School building

**How to register:** Complete registration form online at [stcletusparish.com](http://stcletusparish.com), or pick up a form at the Parish Center or Religious Education Office. Return the completed form and the \$50 registration fee (fee can be paid online through the Parish website).

**Age of kids in VBS:** Any child entering Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Fall is welcome to register!

#### Can I Volunteer?

**YES!** We are looking for volunteers to join our Crew! We are looking for **Junior High** and **High School Students** as well as **Adults** to join us! If you are interested, please contact Barb Campbell.

## Other Ministry News

### NOTE FROM DEACON STUART



Happy Easter from Deacon Stuart and Marlene to all the St. Cletus community.

A Special Thank you to all the ministers in the Ministry of Care and the Compassionate Care Ministry who provide the necessary care, prayer and service to those we minister to.

You all make my role as coordinator a pleasure and the lives of those we serve so much better as you visit, bringing Jesus as the Eucharist and in spirit through your words and presence.

Finally a note of gratitude for all the prayers, kind words, cards, notes etc. over the past three months as Marlene struggled with health issues. She is finally back to her old self and asked that I add this note.

***He is risen : He is truly risen : Alleluia!***

Blessings - Deacon Stuart

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The Holy Name Society's April meeting will be held on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. Topics will include the results of the Pancake Breakfast and plans for the Past Presidents' Dinner on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all men of the parish to join us!

We also wish to thank all who attended and helped support the Pancake Breakfast and the Bake Sale, sponsored by the St. Cletus Council of Catholic Women.

### NOTE TO OUR PARISH TEENS

#### He is Risen! How will you Rise?

Happy Easter! After a long season of Lenten preparations, are you ready to fully celebrate with Easter joy? Even if you fell short of your Lenten promises, don't feel like a failure. Remember, Jesus fell three times carrying his cross, but he still got up each time to continue on. Many people considered his crucifixion to be a giant fall, but little did they know at the time that he would rise again! Take heart! No matter how many times we fall, Jesus will be there to help us rise up again! Happy Easter!

Follow St. Cletus Youth Ministry on our Facebook page @sclagrangeyouth on Instagram and on our website youth.stcletusparish.com.

### THANK YOU FROM OUR MISSION TRIP STUDENTS



We are truly grateful for the outpouring of generosity from our parish family to assist us with our fundraising efforts for the Mission Trip. Our second collection combined with our Fannie May Easter candy sales have significantly reduced our costs for this important service trips. Thank you so very much to all who assisted us, enabling us to make our dream of serving others a reality.

We'd also like to thank everyone who stopped by to buy candy bars in support of our summer mission trip on Palm Sunday. We had a steady flow of customers and supporters, and the teens are working hard toward their goal and preparing themselves for a week of service.

### BOOK DISCUSSION



The next book discussion will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 10th in the school, room 102.

We will be discussing Colony by Anne R. Siddons. If you have any questions please call Denise at 708.712.8294.

### ED WARD FINE ARTS SERIES AT ST. CLETUS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our concert last Sunday. Mark your calendars for our next event. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm Ken Baker & Friends presents "My Fair Lady: A Musical in Concert" in the St. Cletus Parish Center on our new stage. This is a ticketed event. Proceeds after all expenses are covered will go to the Final Phase of the Capital Campaign for the sound, lighting, and other items needed to complete the parish center.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased on our website at [www.edwardfas.com](http://www.edwardfas.com).

**my fair lady**  
MUSICAL  
IN CONCERT

*Ken Baker & Friends*

2 PERFORMANCES

**SATURDAY**  
May 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm

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**SUNDAY**  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 4pm

St. Cletus  
Parish Center

*This will be a  
ticketed event.*

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**ST. CLETUS REPRESENTED AT THE PUERI CANTORES CHORAL FESTIVAL**



*Pictured above:  
Conductor Richard Owen,  
Elena Rahman (5<sup>th</sup> gr.) and  
Claire Rufa (4<sup>th</sup> gr.)*

Recently two members of St. Cletus Youth Choirs, Elena Rahman and Claire Rufa, with approximately 450 other students of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Indiana and Wisconsin, participated in an all-day program at Holy Name Cathedral. The event included intense instruction in vocal techniques and culminated with the celebration of a musically-glorious mass. Prior to the event, these two young ladies attended several rehearsals, under the direction of Karen Ziemba, at which they prepared music ranging from Latin chant to contemporary works.

Pueri Cantores, established in 1953, is the official music organization for students in the Catholic Church. Each year the organization sponsors music festivals internationally. Richard Owen (NYC), current music director of Camerata NY and a former conductor at the NY Philharmonic as well as the Deutsche Oper am Rhein, was the guest director for the day.

**MUSIC MINISTRIES AT ST. CLETUS PARISH**

The Music Ministry of our parish consists of approximately eighty five extremely dedicated adults and children. The results of their efforts not only has been apparent throughout Lent and this past Holy Week, culminating with the Easter Sunday celebrations, but can be heard each week as they encourage congregational participation in our masses and other special liturgical events. It is both an honor and a privilege to be the leader of such a fine group of individuals and I would like to formally thank them for their efforts and for sharing their time and talents with our parishioners and all visitors to St. Cletus.

If you, or someone you know, has musical talent, vocal or instrumental, and would like to be a part of a vibrant ministry, please contact me and I would be happy to discuss the various musical opportunities.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Karen Ziemba  
Director of Music Ministries  
kziemba@stcletusparish.com or 708-215-5423

**FAMILY MASS**

**St. Cletus Parish  
Family Mass**



Join Us As We Celebrate  
Family Mass

April 8, 2018 11:00 a.m. Mass

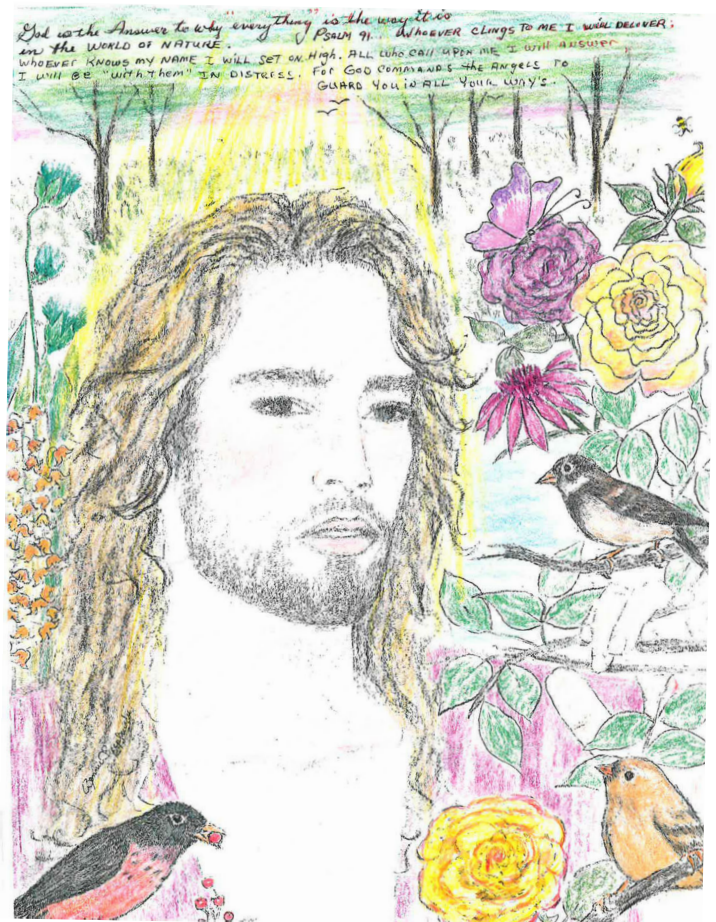
**BECOME A LITURGICAL MINISTER**



Have you thought about being a lector, an usher, or a communion minister? Give me a call - Paulette Bolton (708) 215-5422

**PSALM 91 ART**

Thank you Bonnie Scepnowski for your Easter artwork.





## Community Bulletin Board

### JOYFUL AGAIN! RETREAT



Widowed? Going thru ups and downs? Looking for a more hope-filled future? Attend the Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women.

#### Dates/Locations:

April 21 & 22 Amita, Presence, Holy Fam., Des Plaines

June 23 & 24 St. Julie's - Tinley Park

For more info or other dates/locations contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry. Phone: 708-354-7211, email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com, website: www.joyfulagain.org  
IMPORTANT: register early, space is limited.

### THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL. Register at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048

**They Will Inherit the Earth** - Sunday, Apr. 15 3:30-5PM  
Join author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee John Dear for a presentation and book signing of his latest book They Will Inherit the Earth. Cost: \$20

**Inspiration in a Time of Climate Change: Marya Grathwahl, OSF and Helen Prejean, CSJ** - Saturday, Apr. 21 9:30 AM – Noon. On this Earth Day, Franciscan Sister Marya Grathwahl, founder of Earth Hope, will receive the 2017 Sacred Universe Award. Join us as Marya and Sister Helen Prejean, world-renowned writer and speaker, weave stories of justice, oneness, and hope for our Universe. Cost: \$30

### RESPECT LIFE

“Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

*blossoms of hope  
brunch*

Sharing Peace, Hope, and Love

The 27th Annual Blossoms of Hope Brunch is Sunday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The event features Drury Lane's famous brunch. Funds will benefit the Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program. Contact Anne Scully at ascully@catholiccharities.net. For more information and to register, visit www.catholiccharities.net/lossbrunch

### TROOP 19 PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 8



Save the date for the Boy Scout Troop 19 Pancake Breakfast which will be held at the Robert E. Coulter, Jr. Post 1941, 900 S. LaGrange Road, La Grange, IL.

Join us Sunday, April 8th from 8am - noon.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door.

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Cole Kostrzewa is an 8th grader who just made his Confirmation, and is a childhood Leukemia survivor. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 19 in La Grange and is starting his Eagle Scout Project. His project is to collect new toys and craft kits for children currently going through treatment at North Western Central DuPage Hospital. The toys will be used for children during weekly appointments, as well as more difficult procedures and surgeries. Cole will be speaking at the Masses the weekend of April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. A box for donations will be in the St. Cletus Church Narthex the next 2 weekends. Thank you for your generosity.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018



#### Archdiocesan Appeal Update

Gifts received during Commitment Weekend have arrive at the Gift Processing Center and will be processed and acknowledged by April 10, 2018. This includes gifts of cash, checks and credit cards.

Thank you to all parishioners for your prayerful consideration and generous response to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

### ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING

#### Donate Online

Do you want to transition away from writing checks and contribute electronically? It is SO EASY! Visit www.stcletusparish.com and click the “DONATE” BUTTON. Click Sunday donations. We accept checks (ACH), debit and credit cards. If you have questions or need help, call Mary Zwolinski at 708 -352-6209.

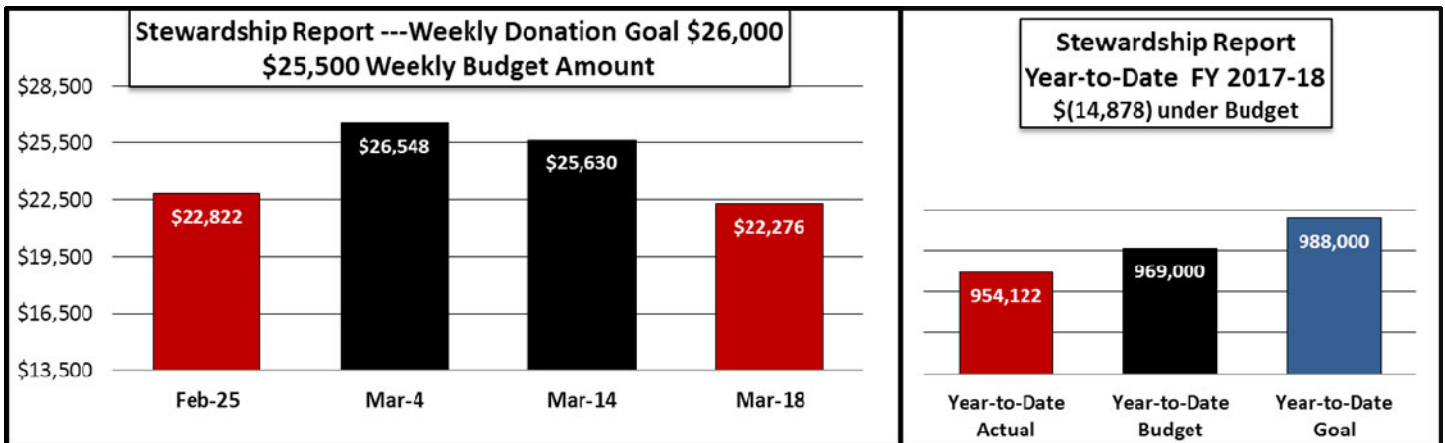
### BULLETIN ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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

## Week at a Glance

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, April 1	7:00 am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 12:30 p.m.	Church Church Church Church Church	Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass Easter Sunday Mass in Spanish
Monday, April 2			Facilities Closed after 8am Mass
Tuesday, April 3	6:30pm 7:00pm	Rectory Basement Parish Center Mtg Rm	School Board Meeting Social Concerns Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 4	9:00am 7:00pm 9:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm School Rm 102 PC Gym	Mission Ladies Cardinal Open Golf Outing Meeting Girls Church League
Thursday, April 5	5:00pm 7:30pm	School Music Rm School Music Rm	Children's Choir Chancel Choir
Friday, April 6	8:00pm	Parish Center Mtg Rm	Holy Name Society Meeting
Saturday, April 7	5:00pm	Narthex	Welcome Committee
Sunday, April 8	7:00am 11:00am	Narthex Church	Welcome Committee Family Mass

## Stewardship Report



## Preferred Providers




**Jeffrey R. Tobolski**  
 Cook County Board  
 Commissioner 16th District

*Thank you to all of our 2017 Fall Fest Sponsors! Those at the \$2,500 and above will be featured in the Canticle as Preferred Providers.*

# St. Cletus Parish Information

## CONTACT US

Parish Center.....(708) 352-6209  
 Español .....(708) 215-5440  
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 www.stcletusparish.com  stcletuschurch

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish offices have moved to our new location in the parish center. All deliveries and inquiries should be made to the new office. Food pantry will remain in the rectory.

Monday thru Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## MASSES

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,  
 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
 Weekdays..... Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 a.m.  
 Evening before Holy Day ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Day..... 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday ..... 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m.  
 Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office.

## WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Bobbie Kallal (708) 352-6209.

## HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

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

## PARISH MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

**Mission Statement:** St. Cletus is a dynamic Catholic community dedicated to spreading the Good news of Jesus Christ through worship, education, and service.  
**Vision Statement:** We welcome all. We encourage all parishioners to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in their daily lives, by sharing their talents and faith with our parish and community.

## STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Robert Clark, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kenneth Baker, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Lorenzo Gamboa, Associate Pastor**  
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## ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD

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 Secretary ..... Valerie Sosne

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Scott Aulinkis	Colleen Mhley
Bob Havelka	Patrick O'Toole
Kevin Hogan	Ron Skrip
Chris McLean	Patrick Townsend
Nicholas McKeehan	

### Liaisons

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 Athletic Association President ..... Brendan Foley

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 Vice-Chairperson ..... Chuck Luna  
 Recording Secretary ..... Maggie Kensek  
 School Representative ..... Tom Chinske  
 Director of Parish Catechesis ..... Paulette Bolton  
 Staff Representative ..... Debbie Lestarczyk

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