

# ST. CLETUS CHURCH

## Rectory

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## MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)  
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM  
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM  
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

## BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (352-6209).

## 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 (352-4834).

## CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

et cetera

### On the Feast of the Holy Three Kings

Through the night three wanderers go:  
Their brows are bound by purple bands;  
Their skins are burned by scorching winds  
And toilsome ways through desert lands.  
Past the palm trees' rustling green,  
The servants follow far behind.  
Golden tassels and tinkling bells  
Slung from camel's saddle seats  
Jangle as they travel forward,  
While coffers waft aromas sweet.

Darkness holds them black and dense,  
Hiding all the landscape near;  
Looming shadows threaten them.  
Wanderers, then, did you not fear?  
Despite a thousand misty veils  
That hung across the silent moors,  
Steadfast through the tender dusk  
A tiny star shone sparkling bright,  
Gently gliding in deepest blue.  
The caravan pursued its light.

Listen, how the servants murmur!  
"When will some fine town appear  
With verdant groves and temples high  
See, how our woes will persevere!  
Whether the waste is burning hot  
And vipers coil around our feet,  
And tigers crouch along our path  
And fiery winds our faces singe:  
White ovals, glimmering in the dark,  
Eye the gifts meant for the King."

Other matters of deep impress  
Draw the three across the night;  
Like silent moons the three advance  
Aglow in starry solar-light.  
When avalanches thunder down,  
When with gigantic petals bright  
Flowers streak the desert waste,  
They fix their steady gaze from far  
Upon that power which lures them on  
And kindled that miraculous star.

Annette von Droste-Hulsoff  
(1797-1848)

**Epiphany**  
**Christ is in our midst...**

They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Matthew 2:11b

**Thank You!**

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season be with you throughout the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who volunteered their time and talent to make our liturgies so special. Your devotion to St. Cletus is truly appreciated.

Carol Pogar  
 Liturgy Coordinator

**Please Pray for**

...our sick in your prayers: Connor Farrell, Jonni Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, George Mrozek, Lucille Tertinger, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Fran Cirrincione, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki,

Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

**Stewardship**

While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people – but especially to those of the household of the faith” (Gal 6:10).

**January 1**



<b>Budgeted revenue:</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>
<b>Collection Received:</b>	<b>28,368</b>
<b>Shortfall last week:</b>	<b>- 632</b>
<b>Revenue to budget</b>	
<b>Shortfall for this fiscal year:</b>	<b>- 2,364</b>
<b># of envelopes mailed:</b>	<b>3,181</b>
<b># of envelopes returned:</b>	<b>1,025</b>

**Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to use your offertory envelopes. Thank you.**

**Remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.**

**Christmas Collection... Thank You!**

To date, our Christmas collection amounts to \$269,790. We budgeted \$250,000 for this annual appeal. “Thank You” hardly begins to express the whole parish’s appreciation for so many parishioners’ and visitors’ generosity. But “thank you” remains the final word!

Fr. Klees

**Year-end Statement on Request Only**

As tax time approaches, we ask everyone who would like a year-end statement of their Year 2005 financial offering to the parish to fill out the form below and return it or simply call the rectory with your request. **You may also visit our website at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note!**

Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie, (708) 352-6209, in the rectory office.

**Parish Membership Changes**

If you are moving to a new home and will remain parishioners, call the rectory with your new address and phone number. Moving out of the parish? Please call the rectory so that we can keep our records updated. Thank you.

**Volunteers Needed**

Community Nurse Health Association is looking for volunteers to work three hour shifts in their resale shops Monday through Saturday.

People are needed in the marking room. The job entails help in sorting donations and hanging and pricing clothing.

In addition, cashiers are needed for evening and weekend shifts.

If interested, please call Kay Hucker at (708) 579-2403.

**Marist High School Entrance Exam**

The Marist High School Entrance Exam for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2006. Students should arrive at 8:00am and enter through the gym doors, located on the east side of the school. There is a \$25 test fee, however pre-registration is not needed. Students should bring two #2 pencils and are asked not to bring a calculator. The approximate dismissal time is 11:45am.

In order to be considered a candidate for 2006-07 admission, prospective students must test at Marist High School. For additional information, contact Alex Brown, Director of Admissions, (773) 881-5330.

**“Sister is Back”**

St. Pius X Parish, 43<sup>rd</sup> and Oak Park Avenue in Stickney will be hosting the play “Put the Nuns in Charge”, the hilarious sequel to “Late Night Catechism.” The performance will be on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:00pm in the afternoon. The ticket price of \$25 includes admission and complimentary refreshments during the intermission. For tickets, call Jeanine at (708) 484-2401 or email requests to jrg422@usa.net. Seating is limited – call now!

**The Women’s Center**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the legalization of abortion which has resulted in one unborn baby being killed approximately every 30 seconds in this country. The Women’s Center is a pregnancy resource center which helped around 6,000 women and their families in 2005.

Training sessions for counseling office volunteers will be held in our Evergreen Park office in February. We also need front desk help at our Cicero Avenue office. Your help is needed. Call Katie at (773) 794-9907 for information.

**Ten Ways to Boost Your Self Esteem...**

- ...Set a realistic goal and fulfill it.
- ...Think positive thoughts about yourself.
- ...Spend time with people supportive of you.
- ...Take a responsible risk.
- ...Do something just for yourself.
- ...Spend peaceful time alone.
- ...Accomplish something you’ve been avoiding.
- ...Maintain yourself physically through good nutrition, regular exercise and sleep.
- ...Make a list of ten personal strengths. Don’t be humble.
- ...Complete the phrase, “I feel best about myself when \_\_\_\_\_.” Give a few different responses. Then try to include these situations in your life regularly.

- At Your Best

## An Immune System Inside the Body of Christ

We've gone mystically tone-deaf.

Robert Bellah tells how one of his researchers, speaking at a conference, made the statement: "Some people believe that human life is priceless." A scientific expert, in all seriousness, challenged him: "We have no data on that."

We might smile a little at the naivete of that but, sadly, most of us are often just as insensitive when it comes grasping some of the deeper things that under gird life. Mysticism is not our strong point and that leaves us mostly in the dark in terms of intuiting one of the central realities within the Christian faith, namely, how the body of Christ works.

We believe in what we can grasp rationally, but how the body of Christ works is not something we can grasp in that way. Hence some of what's important to health inside that body is often neglected because we simply don't know any better. Just as ignorance of what is good for us physically can lead to bad health habits, so too inside the body of Christ. We need to know how to keep a strong and healthy immune system.

How do we build up a strong, healthy immune system inside the body of Christ?

Part of our Christian faith, as canonized in our creed, is the belief that our unity and community with each other in Christ is so real, so deep, so physical, and so mutually interdependent that we constitute not an aggregate or a corporation but an organism, a living body. The body of Christ is not a body in the way General Motors is a body, but is a body in the way that a man or woman is body. The unity inside that body is not mystical or analogical, it's real.

And, just as in any physical body there are visible aspects that can be observed with the naked eye and other, more invisible, aspects that go on under the surface and escape simple observation, so too within the body of Christ. Most of what is happening regarding health or disease within the body is, long before it shows up externally, not observable to the unaided eye. Enzymes, bacteria, viruses, and antibodies do their work for health or disease invisibly. By the time we see external symptoms, they have already been working for a long time.

This is too true inside the body of Christ. The things that, in the end, preserve health or cause diseases are, like viruses and antibodies, invisible. They are only seen in their eventual effect on the body. What happens for health or for disease in any one cell, be it ever so small, eventually affects the health of the

whole body. Thus, Christ taught, and the saints believed, that the most private spiritual and moral battles, which go on inside one's conscience, have an effect for good or for bad on all of humanity. Private acts have a profound effect on the whole body, beyond what "we have data on."

Therese of Lisieux based the very core of her spirituality on this and her life and death eventually gave us "data" that validated her faith in this. As a lively 15 year-old, she fasted and prayed that a condemned criminal might become a Christian before being executed. He did. As a dying 24 year-old, she offered her suffering so that others might be healed and she boldly stated that upon her death she would deliver a shower of roses upon this earth. Everything that's happened around her name to the little town of Lisieux ever since provides considerable data that she did deliver on that promise. Small private acts can deeply affect the overall health of the whole world.

This idea can of course be badly understood. At its worst, it has been understood as a kind of "Divine Credit Union" into which the good paid and the bad withdrew – the crucified Christ and the saintly mother pay in and the wayward child takes out! In its most crass form, some of these divine savings bonds could even be sold as indulges.

But such a misunderstanding is not our danger today. Our problem tends to be the opposite: An age which is besotted by the empirical and which de-emphasizes private morality, tends to forget that a body needs a strong immune system and healthy antibodies to keep it free of disease.

What are the antibodies that create a healthy immune system within the body of Christ? If we can believe those who have been doctors of the soul, we create healthy antibodies when we silently suffer for each other, when pray for each other, when live out lives of quiet martyrdom, and when we emerge victorious in our little battles with what's petty inside of us. Our seemingly small sins - the grudge, the masturbation, the little lie, and the petty jealousy - do make a difference.

Mystics have secrets worth knowing. The health of a body depends on tiny processes invisible to the naked eye.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website [www.ronholheiser.com](http://www.ronholheiser.com).



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Monday, January 9**

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society  
Tom Kigin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda,  
Giovanna & Louis Viececi, Tony Lang

**Tuesday, January 10**

8:00 a.m. - Tom Kigin, Evelyn Weaver,  
Dolores Heuer

**Wednesday, January 11**

8:00 a.m. - John Hopp, Bernice Dumas

**Thursday, January 12**

8:00 a.m. - John Ruzas, Lawrence Viececi,  
Erik Geyer

**Friday, January 13**

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society  
Joseph Megla, Angela Clifford, Mary Berg,  
Eleanor Johnson

**Saturday, January 14**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 15**

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

**Altar Servers**



January 14/15

- 5:00 p.m. - A. Sansone, T. Bruce, W. Lawler
- 7:00 a.m. - J. Tosheff, K. Kodatt, A. Cabral
- 8:00 a.m. - C. Schwendner, S. Vcelka, R. Lenz
- 9:30 a.m. - R. Adamec, J. Baker, M. Baro
- 11:00 a.m. - C. Lang, A. Hess, M. Shannon

**Rest in Peace**

Please remember in your prayers these parishioners or loved ones of parishioners who recently died:

- ... Valentin Aguilar
- ... Julius Chevigny, father of Maggie Nelson
- ... William Jaworski, father of Bill
- ... Mary Louise King, mother of Ed
- ... Antoinette Zykan, mother of George

We extend our condolences to all families who have lost a loved one during this past week.

**Auxiliary Minister Schedule**

**Saturday, January 14, 2006**

<b>5:00 PM</b>		LR Schump, Cathy-
SM Zmuda, Louise	C1 Boyer, Kathy-	
B2 Provan, Jim	C2 Provan, Karen	
B3 Ryva, James-	C3 Pavlik, Loretta-	
B4 Zmuda, Ron	C4 Zmuda, Louise	
B5 Delaloye, Rose	C5 Delaloye, Joe	
B6 Hockman, Susan-	C6 Andrews, Diane-	

**Sunday, January 15, 2006**

<b>7:00 AM</b>		LR Loch, Len-
SM Stamm, Richard		
B2 Stamm, Richard		
B3 Stamm, Barbara		
B4 Soldat, Mary Rita		
B5 Anfield, Therese-		
B6 Smith, David-		



<b>8:00 AM</b>		LR Rapacki, Sandy
SM Welch, Jerry-	C1 Borsilli, Helen-	
B2 Skupien, Kathy	C2 Pogar, Carol	
B3 Okkema, Ann	C3 Kuchta, Ann	
B4 Murphy, Katy-	C4 Welch, Jerry-	
B5 Koch, Barbara-	C5 Curotto, Louis-	
B6 Biesadecki, Bob	C6 Biesadecki, Carol	

**9:30 AM**

LR Dalsin, Pat-	
SM Opila, Andy	C1 Williams, Alice-
B2 Tosheff, Christine-	C2 Reichl, Mickie-
B3 Sheridan, Erin-	C3 Kunkel, JoAnn-
B4 Opila, Margo	C4 Opila, Andy
B5 Wehrmeister, Rhea	C5 Horak, Veronica-
B6 Micek, Dan	C6 Micek, Judy

**11:00 AM**

LR Haggerty, Frank-	
SM McCaffray, Paul-	C1 Dunkovich, Alice-
B2 Heyes, Stuart	C2 Heyes, Marlene
B3 Meuwissen, Jean-	C3 Forsyth Sullivan,
B4 Nilles, Carolyn-	C4 McCaffray, Paul-
B5 Brannigan, Rita-	C5 Kwak, Tecla-
B6 Gleich, Sharon-	C6 Ficaro, Jennie-

**Ponder This**

Be grateful for each new day. A new day that you have never lived before. Twenty-four new, fresh, unexplored hours to use usefully and profitably. We can squander, neglect or use it. Life will be richer or poorer by the way we use today.

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Trust**

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to his love, and the future to his providence.

- St. Augustine

**Winter Reminder**

With inclement winter weather here, please remember to use caution in our parking lot and walkways on the parish grounds.

Chris Wagner  
Director of Grounds