

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

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Reflecting on society and human inclination, Aristotle once wrote: "The brave are to be found where bravery is honored." He meant that those virtues and values singled out for distinction would be the values people strive for.

This Sunday we begin the celebration of National Catholic Schools Week.

Catholic schools are a great gift to our country and to our local communities. In the inner city they offer hope where public systems are sometimes strained. In areas with stronger public systems, they offer moral formation and religious virtue particular to Jesus Christ.

Why a Catholic school? It would seem to have something to do with Aristotle's insight. Where the Christian tradition and the Catholic Church's teachings are modeled and taught, those principles will hopefully be developed in children.

What more important "work" is there to the human condition than the nurturing and formation of the next generation? What more important or primary concern than the way we mold our children? What more significant legacy will we leave when we pass beyond than our offspring?

The "desired impression" is more readily taken in youth. We desire to make those impressions strong and deep. The "tales" our children hear, the stories they're told, the vision they're focused to need to be of value and virtue in the Catholic tradition. For that is who we are...the best of who we are.

We go to significant sacrifice, as parents, families, and as a community, in this most important mission. We do so because we see the transmission of faith, the formation in virtue, and the modeling of the Christian life as integral to our identity. And that identity is Catholic. The school supports and assists the responsibility that is primarily that of parents; but never of parents by themselves or alone.

St. Cletus School's programs speak for themselves. They are excellent. They stand proudly alongside any systems anywhere. The unique value, the fundamental advantage, the beginning and end of the discussion ...is the proclamation of Jesus as Lord, and all that that implies. It is well worth the sacrifice.

We all benefit...from the dedication, the commitment, the inspiration, and the self-sacrifice that is at the core of Catholic education. Thank you for your support.

Come on over to the Open House at St. Cletus Catholic School this Sunday, after the 9:30am Mass. You will be impressed!

Fr. Klees

National Catholic Schools Week St. Cletus School Open House

The St. Cletus School community will gather on Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Open House in our parish school will take place immediately after the 9:30am liturgy. Please join us, even if you do not have children in the school. Your spiritual and financial support are most appreciated; we would like the opportunity to say "Thank you".

Also, the Family School Association's annual Book Fair will be held in Morrissey Hall Sunday, 8:15am 'til 12Noon and Monday, 8:25 'til 1:15pm. There are books for all ages. Proceeds benefit the school library.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

General Parish Meeting

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy regarding the recommendations of priests to the pastorate, representatives of the Priests' Placement Board will meet with our parishioners Monday, January 30 at 7:00pm in church.

The purpose of this meeting is not to name a new pastor but to give the Board members an opportunity to meet with our people personally to discuss the needs of the parish and what they would like to see in a new pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting concludes with a question/answer segment.

Rite of Election/Enrollment of Names

Year II Confirmation Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Election/Enrollment of Names, at the 11:00am Mass next Sunday, February 5. The purpose of this celebration is twofold: (1) The community tells the candidates that the church appreciates their participation in the preparation for Confirmation and wishes to express its continuing openness to, gratitude for, and support of the candidates; and (2) the candidates sign their names on a scroll as a sign of their appreciation for the community's support and as a pledge to enter in a more deeply personal way into the immediate

preparation for the sacrament. Please keep our seventy-one teen candidates in your daily prayers.

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director



Blessing of Throats

Friday, February 3, 2006, is the feast of St. Blase. Throats will be blessed after the daily 8:00am Mass and the 10:00am Special Person's School Mass.

Carol Pogar
Director of Liturgy

Reminder: Lector and Auxiliary Ministers

...schedules are available for pickup in the Minister's Room. Please remember to stop by for your copy.

Carol Pogar
Director of Liturgy

That We May Have Priests...

How many times has a priest brought healing to us and to our families? How many times has a priest celebrated the liturgy on Sunday, throughout the week and at special parish and family celebrations, bringing Christ to us through the Eucharist? How many times has a priest stood with us in joy at the birth of a child; at our bedside in the hospital, or in sorrow at the death of a loved one? Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood; that we may have priests whose lives are directed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the service of God's people. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support for this Collection for the Seminary System of the Archdiocese of Chicago on February 4/5. Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend.

Are You Hospitality Minded?

On the first weekend of each month, volunteer parishioners staff the Welcome/Registration table in the church foyer. Recently Mr. Tom Kigin longtime coordinator of this ministry passed away. We are looking for a new coordinator to follow in his footsteps. This monthly ministry involves coordinating the group of volunteers and overseeing the assembly and distribution of the welcome materials. Please contact Fr. Pat O'Neill, at

the rectory (708) 352-6209, if you are interested in leading this important ministry.

Welcome!

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, February 4/5, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church, say hello, and become members.

St. Cletus Parish Lenten Mission

No! It is not a rumor! Fr. Bill Stenzel is returning to La Grange to lead the St. Cletus Parish Mission. The Mission begins on March 5, the first Sunday of Lent. More details to follow in the Canticle or on the web.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

St. Cletus Holy Name

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 3, 8:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building. A guest speaker will be featured. Please try to attend and find out what is new at St. Cletus! Hope to see you there.

Dan Gibbons

Food Pantry

Please help fill our pantry shelves for our February 9 food distribution. We are extremely short of dry pinto beans and rice, tuna, soup and cereal. Other needed staples include pasta and pasta sauce; canned fruits and vegetables; meals in a can. Of course, all in-date non-perishables and paper products are always appreciated. Thank you for remembering us when you do your grocery shopping. Please bring your contributions to the Minister's room next weekend when you come to Mass. Thanks again!

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns

Religious Education Kid's Garage Sale

Saturday, February 18, the Religious Education Board is sponsoring our 3rd annual Kid's Garage Sale. The sale will be held in Morrissey Hall from 9:00am until Noon. Tables are available for \$5 and may be shared. Gather your sale items Now and save your pennies for great bargains. More information will follow.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Maybe You Would Like to Help?

The 5th grade religious education class, with the support of the entire religious education program, is collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald houses here in the Chicagoland area. There are three homes in our area. Families with sick children in area hospitals are able to stay long term in these facilities for a fraction of the cost of a hotel. The pop tops are turned in as recycled aluminum and the money collected every year is enough to pay for the electrical costs of the three homes (approximately \$18,000 a year).

They ask that we collect just the pop tops because while they are heavy they are not as bulky or messy as the can. So far we have approximately twenty pounds of pop tops.

If you would like to help, save your pop tops and turn them into the Religious Education Office in the Education Building on Sunday mornings or Monday - Thursday between the hours of 8:30am-3:00pm.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kostecki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, George Mrozek, 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 and unable to attend Mass.

Save the Date!

The St. Cletus School Athletic Association's Annual Dance and Silent Auction is shortly upon us. Saturday, March 4, at 7:00pm is the date for this wonderful fun filled night. There will be food, drinks, a live band (The Fleegs) and a silent auction.

Everyone in St. Cletus Parish is invited to attend. This year's theme is "The Wild West" at the St. Cletus Corral. If you would like to attend, please call Marty O'Shea at (708) 482-9204.

If you would like to donate any items to the silent auction, please call me (708) 352-1755.

Tracy Flannery

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.

Our Sharing Parishes

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Presentation and Our Lady of Lourdes have been integrated into St. Agatha's Parish. In order for this Catholic Community to succeed, they need our help and prayers. Please continue to be generous with our Sharing Parishes the first Sunday of each month.

Catholic Appeal Campaign

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a major source of funding for the ministries and services of our Archdiocese. In February we will kick off a new campaign in support of this Appeal. The weekend of February 11/12 at all Masses the presider will talk more about this process. The weekend of February 18/19 there will be an audiotape homily from the Cardinal and pledge cards available in the pews. More information will follow in the Canticle.

What is the Catholic Festival of Faith?



The Catholic Festival of Faith will be held at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL from February 16 through 18, 2006. Bringing together Catholics from across Chicagoland, the three-day celebration will focus on the new evangelization and feature programming designed to inspire and educate. Included in

the event will be liturgy and prayer experiences, keynote speakers, presentations, special events and exhibits.

Beginning at 12:45pm on Thursday, February 16, there will be a pre-Festival event designed especially for Pastors, Business Managers, Parish Finance Council Members, School Board Members, and other interested in parish and school administration. The official Welcome and Opening of the Catholic Festival of Faith 2006 will follow. Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., has invited those newly baptized and received at the Easter Vigil in 2005 to participate in the evening's celebration.

The Festival will be open to all Catholics as well as those interested in the Catholic faith. Sessions will be available in English, Spanish and Polish as well as sessions designed especially for teens in Catholic and public high schools. A special segment has been included for those who will participate in the Choral Festival. Cardinal George will preside at the Closing Liturgy on Saturday, February 18, at 5:30pm.

For more information, visit www.catholicfest.org.

Stewardship

God has taught us that you cannot love without giving. That giving includes giving of our time, talent and treasure.

January 22



Budgeted revenue:		\$28,000
Collection Received:		26,181
Shortfall last week:	-	1,819
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	-	2,814
# of envelopes mailed:		3,181
# of envelopes returned:		882

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



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Monday, January 30

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society
Dr. W. James Syms, Elsie Wagner,
Danny Lepley, Sophie Pytel, Walter Pytel

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 a.m. - Ramona M. Syms,
Gladys Wonsowicz, Al Cooke

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 a.m. - Linda Bagal, Joseph Bagal,
Joseph Megla, William Jaworski

Thursday, February 2

8:00 a.m. - Mary Ricciardone, Linda Felice,
Calandriello Family

Friday, February 3

8:00 a.m. - Purgatorial Society
Nan Rettig, Karen Gorak, Michael Maly

Saturday, February 4

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

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

Altar Servers



February 4/5

5:00 p.m. - T. Christopher, D. DeLaurentis,
S. Lenz

7:00 a.m. - A. Condotti, M. King, E. Mrazek

8:00 a.m. - N. Dentamaro, A. Driscoll, M. Gray

9:30 a.m. - C. Madden, A. Kison, C. McCollom

11:00 a.m. - N. Ybarra, R. McCollom, B. Funk

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers these parishioners or loved ones of parishioners who recently died:
...Kathryn Danielson, mother-in-law of Marilyn
...Christine Cihak, wife of Frank
...Rosalie "Rose" Greenberg, mother of Richard
We extend our condolences to all families who have lost a loved one during this past week.

Wedding Banns

Kathleen Pyrcce and Steven Gonzalez

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 04, 2006

5:00 PM LR McLaughlin, Sheila
SM Wouk, Dolores- C1 Hockman, Susan-
B2 Richards, Marge- C2 Boyer, Kathy-
B3 Zaremba, Elizabeth C3 Andrews, Diane-
B4 Kolata, Marcie- C4 Wouk, Dolores-
B5 Loch, Len- C5 Guide, Alfreda-
B6 Bartucci, Carol- C6 Sheridan, Erin-

Sunday, February 05, 2006

7:00 AM LR Bellisario, Janet-
SM Swindall, Vic
B2 Swindall, Vic
B3 Swindall, Toni
B4 Mezan, Mary Ann-
B5 Kwak, Tecla-
B6 Soldat, Mary Rita-



8:00 AM LR Rapacki, Sandy-
SM Hullinger, Shirley- C1 Farnsworth, Vicki
B2 Stopka, Sharon- C2 Warren, Catherin
B3 Bliss, Georgia- C3 Thuma, Mary-
B4 Anfield, Therese- C4 Hullinger, Shirley
B5 Severino, Shirley- C5 Chaney, Marlene-
B6 Ghera, Alicja- C6 Dalsin, Pat-

9:30 AM

LR Wehrmeister, Rhe-
SM Curnutt, Rose- C1 Stumreiter, Earl-
B2 Forsyth Sullivan, KiC2 Nilles, Carolyn-
B3 Ficaro, Jennie- C3 Haggerty, Frank-
B4 Horak, Veronica- C4 Curnutt, Rose-
B5 Williams, Alice- C5 Reichl, Mickie-
B6 Zupancic, Robert- C6 Keating-Gay, Sus-

11:00 AM

LR Confirmation Cand
SM Pagar, Carol C1 Ford, Mary Beth
B2 Kelliher, Karen C2 Kelliher, Larry
B3 Provan, Jim C3 Provan, Karen
B4 Ward, Laura C4 Pagar, Carol
B5 Jarosik, Judy C5 Kunkel, JoAnn
B6 Hagen, Colleen C6 Hagen, Jim

Support for Recovery

The American Cancer Society is seeking cancer survivors who would like to volunteer to be part of a wonderful program call Support for Recovery. As a volunteer you would be paired with a cancer patient, with your same type of cancer, to provide one-on-one support by phone or through visits. Please call Moira at (708) 484-8541 ext. 23 for more information or to register for the training on February 18 in Elk Grove Village.

To stand with others and keep vigil while they suffer and die is the greatest gift of love a human being can experience. It also provides the greatest opportunity to learn. Those who suffer and those preparing to die have much to teach the healthy and the living about the mystery of our humanity and the dignity that is ours through our relationship with God.

Archbishop John J. Myers, Pastoral Letter "Whether in Life or in Death, We Are the Lord's," September 8, 2005.