

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

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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

Fr. Marshall's Musings

Please welcome Fr. Bill Stenzel today to St. Cletus Parish for our Annual Parish Mission. The theme of the Mission will be Reverence of the Past, Honoring the Present and Embracing the Possibilities. I think this is a most appropriate theme for where we are at during this time of transition in our Parish. To be mindful of who we are, where we've come from and what lies ahead bounded by the Spirit of God.

Fr. Stenzel is a very well respected Priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and an excellent speaker. He was formerly Pastor at St. Francis Xavier in La Grange and is presently the Pastor of St. Bede the Venerable on the south side of Chicago. I hope that we make every effort possible to show him our St. Cletus hospitality as well as to attend the Mission Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. On Tuesday evening the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered and on Wednesday, the Eucharist will be celebrated. Please join us if possible.

The first Sunday of Lent always has as its Gospel the Temptations of Jesus. This year because we are using the Gospel according to Mark, it is a short Gospel but again talks about how Jesus was tempted in the desert by the devil for 40 days. That should prompt us to look at how we are tempted by the evil one in our daily lives. Sometimes, we are not even aware of the cunning temptations that the devil calls us to. Often the distorted media or the press tempt us to believe in things that we really do not believe in. We identify with people or issues that are not consistent with our Christian values. Jesus ends the Gospel by proclaiming that *this is the time of fulfillment, the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the Gospel*. These are harsh and hard words for us to hear. We need to examine our lives and see where we need to repent, where our behavior needs changing and where we need to focus more on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This can only happen if we are familiar with the Gospel. I would encourage everyone to at least read one paragraph of Scripture each day during the Lenten season and see how it applies to your daily life. I am always amazed at how applicable these ancient words are to our present situations.

Change is difficult, but once we embrace it, we find that it will lead to new possibilities and new life. I hope this week of Mission is a beginning of a change of how we perceive ourselves as a Parish community. A community that is enlivened by the Spirit of God where as many as possible participate in the various levels of Parish life and that as the family of God at St. Cletus we are formed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, I will not be with you this weekend as I have a previously scheduled business trip to raise monies for the Newman Center for our new dormitory. I will be with you in Spirit and Prayer and will join you hopefully at the Eucharist on Wednesday at the conclusion of the Mission.

If there is any way I can be of assistance to you in your spiritual journey, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

Put the Nuns in Charge!

Reminder: Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the classroom! "Sister is back with a vengeance" – Chicago Reader – "Sharp, funny, and richly humane" – Chicago Tribune. ... "Put the Nuns in Charge" is coming to St. Cletus School, 700 W. 55th St., on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm, with open seating. Food & Drink is available. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Mary Jane Walsh (708) 579-5586 or Christine Tosheff at (630) 662-0991.

A Round of Applause!

Thank you to the following St. Cletus School and Religious Education students for serving as Ambassadors at Masses for the Catholic Appeal Collection weekend of February 18/19. Your efforts and smiles were greatly appreciated by all. The Ambassadors were: Mariah Alwahaab, Audrey, Anfield, David Anfield, Emily Anfield, Therese Anfield, Ali Austermuehle, Jaclyn Baker, Jacob Baker, Staci Bechtold, Brendan Blaber, Marty Bruce, Antonio Cabral, Sarah Delisi, Anna Demonte, Jacob DiPompeo, Alex Driscoll, Jessica Findley, John Flach, Brian Franklin, Meg Gleich, Lauren Gronke, Mary Catherine Gronke, Molly Joseph, Jackie Kaspar, Nathan Kendzior, Marissa Kinsley, Abby Kittler, Joan Kittler, Lauren Kolbusz, Lauren Kocimski, Daniel Kowalski, Billy Koziol, Mark Koziol, Julie Kubiszyn, Stephanie Lewaniak, Kelly Meade, Claire Manley, Conor McDermott, Meg McGrath, Erika Opila, Emily Pavlik, Jim Pavlik, Joel Pavlik, Katie Poggensee, Ben Pedrigi, Kevin Pedrigi, Karen Pedrigi, Hugh Pedrigi, Lindsay Purpura, Joseph Rodey, Andrew Sansone and Kevin Smetana.

Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie KostECKI, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson,

Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowska, July 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.

Stewardship

Sacrificial Giving engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with Jesus. Sacrificial Giving involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure.

"Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifice of that kind" (Hebrew's 1316)



February 26

Budgeted revenue:	\$26,000
Collection received:	28,857
Surplus last week:	2,857
Revenue to budget	
Surplus for this fiscal year:	2,589
# of envelopes mailed:	3,181
# of envelopes returned:	1,018

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

Please 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.

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 at (708) 352-6209 at the rectory office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard every Saturday from 4:15-4:45pm.

Listening to Christ's Heartbeat - Part I

How do you hear a heartbeat?

At the end of her novel, *A Map of Glass*, Jane Urquhart, has her heroine Sylvia, recall how her father, a doctor, once gave her a toy stethoscope as a gift when she was a little girl. She was fascinated with it: "*I loved the little silver bell at the end of the double hose, a bell I could place against my chest in order to listen to the drum, to the pounding music of my own complicated, fascinating heart.*"

Our hearts are complicated and fascinating and we'd all be gentler with ourselves and find our lives more interesting if we listened more regularly to their beat. That's also the secret in our relationship with Christ. We need to put a stethoscope to his heart and listen to its complex and fascinating rhythms. How do we do this?

In the Gospel of John we're given a mystical image for this. In John's account of the Last Supper, he has a disciple, whom he describes as "*the one whom Jesus loves*", reclining on the breast of Jesus. Obviously this connotes a deep intimacy, but it's also meant to convey something else. If you lean your ear on someone's chest you are able to hear that person's heartbeat and that sound eventually begins to gently reverberate throughout your own body.

So this is the image, the image of perfect discipleship for John: We are "*the one whom Jesus loves*" and we need to have our heads on Jesus' breast so as to hear his heartbeat and, from there, look out at the world. Being attuned to Christ's heartbeat and reclining in solace and intimacy on his breast will give us both the vision and the sustenance we need to live our lives as we should.

As we know, "*the one whom Jesus loved*" in John (historically this might have been John himself) is meant to refer to every one of us. Each of us is to be the "*beloved disciple*", the one who reclines on Jesus' breast in special intimacy. For John, this constitutes the very heart of discipleship and dwarfs everything else (charism, church office, even prophecy) in terms of what's important. Indeed, at the Last Supper, Peter (the pope, the leader of the church) cannot even talk to Jesus directly, but must ask his question through the "*beloved disciple*". That's John's way of saying that intimacy with Jesus is more important than any charism or leadership role.

And that's our call, to have the kind of intimacy with Christ that has us reclining on his breast, hearing his heartbeat, and looking out at the world from that perspective. But how do we do that practically?

To recline on Jesus' breast is not the image William Blake so brilliantly describes in his poem, *Infant Sorrow*, where fear and hurt suggest it's best "*to sulk upon my mother's breast,*" In this case, our eyes are turned inward, or are closed, and what we are seeking is only comfort. John's image says something more.

His is an image of the intimacy of lovers, where the bond of intimacy offers deep comfort but also attunes one heart to the other in such a way that energy and strength flow out, first from the one who is doing the consoling and then from the one who is drawing that consolation.

The image works this way: We are to put our heads on Christ's breast, feel that intimacy, hear his heartbeat, be filled with the comfort of that, and then let the energy and strength we feel there flow out, through us, into the world. And that is meant to fill us with the vision and sustenance we need to live as we should.

In terms of vision: When we are listening to Christ's heartbeat and looking out at the world from there, we will see what it means to love purely, beyond ideology, beyond being liberal or conservative, beyond different schools of thought, and beyond our opinions and those of others. We will also have a vision of self-sacrifice, beyond our own comfort, own ambitions, and society's sincere, though shrunken, capacity to renounce pleasure and the immediate for something deeper and more meaningful long range.

In terms of sustenance: When we are listening to Christ's heartbeat, feeling his comfort, and looking out at the world from there, we will also more easily find the strength to keep our hearts soft when everything beckons us to be hard, our tongues gentle when everything is gossip and slander, and ourselves aware of others' gifts when all around there is jealousy. We will more easily find the capacity to forgive despite our wounds, to live chastity inside an overstimulated culture, to see the beauty inside drab and duty, to see the sacred inside of the humdrum, and to remain aware of God's presence inside a godlessness that sometimes overwhelms us.

Our sensitivity must be a stethoscope that hears the beat of the complex and fascinating heart of Christ.

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.ronrolheiser.com.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 26</p> <p>Church.....C Morrissey Hall.....M #201.....(35-40) #207.....(30) #210.....(12-15) #213.....(25) #208.....(15)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>RE - Rel. ED HM - Hesp. Min. YM - Youth Min. CFM - Christian Family Movement HN - Holy Name GS - Girl Scouts LL - Leisure Losers WC - Women's Council FSA - Family School Assoc. BSS - Before School Spanish SRG - Small Reading Group</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Times shown on this calendar include set-up times. Please check with your organization for starting times. Because of unanticipated needs, the calendar is subject to change occasionally.</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>(201)7:4pm - Catechist Meeting (207)9:11:30am - Manna (213)7:9pm - Ah Assoc Mtg (M)6:7pm - Market Day (C)6:30,8,9,6:30pm-3:30pm - Ash Wednesday Masses Prayer Service (C)3:30pm - Prayer Service (M)5-7:30pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>(M)9-10:30pm - Church League BB (M)Noon-3pm - Leisure Lofter Mtg (201)11:15-12:30pm - Jr Great Bks (207)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (Lib)11:20-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (208)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (M)3-9pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>(C)2-2:30pm - Stations of the Cross (M)3-9pm - Setup Ah Assoc Dance (201)7:15-11pm - Holy Name (208)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks</p>	<p>4</p> <p>(C)4pm - Confessions (M)7pm - Ah Assoc Dance</p>
<p>5</p> <p>(C)1pm - Baptism (C)All Masses - Parish Mission Talk by Fr. Stenzel (200)9-11am - RCIA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>(207)9-11:30am - Manna (C)7pm - Parish Mission (M) - Following Mission - Hospitality</p>	<p>7</p> <p>(C)7pm - Parish Mission (M)Following Mission - Hospitality (207)2:50-4:15pm - Troop #215 (210)11:30-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (Lib)11:15-12:15pm - Jr Great Bks (208)11:20-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks</p>	<p>8</p> <p>(C)7pm - Parish Mission (M)Following Mission - Hospitality (207)9:30-10:30pm - Manna (210)2:15-4:30pm - Troop #242 (M)9-10:30pm - Church League BB (207)6:15-8:15pm - Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>(C)6:30-9pm - Food Pantry (M)9-10:30pm - Church League BB (Lib)11:20-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (210)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks</p>	<p>10</p> <p>(C)2-2:30pm - Stations of the Cross (201)7:15-11pm - Bridge (M)3-11pm - Setup FSA Play</p>	<p>11</p> <p>(M)7pm - FSA Play "Put the Nuns in Charge"</p>
<p>12</p> <p>(Entire School)9:30-10:45am - RE (98,99,100)9:30-10:45am - EC (200)9-10am - RCIA (M)7-8:15pm - Conf Year 2</p>	<p>13</p> <p>(C)9am - School Mass (207)9-11:30am - Manna (Entire School)6:30-8pm - RE (M)3-5:30pm - Gym Practice (M)8:30-10pm - Men's BB</p>	<p>14</p> <p>(105)7-8pm - RE Board Meeting (207)7:30-9pm - Bap Class (207)2:50-4:15pm - 1st Gr Brownie Mtg (213)7-9pm - School Board Mtg (M)9-10:30pm - Church League BB (Art)11:20-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (207)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (M)3-9pm - GS Career Fair</p>	<p>15</p> <p>(2007)7-9pm - RCIA (207)2:50-5pm - Jr GS (207)9-11:30am - Manna (213)9am - FSA Meeting (M)9-10:30pm - Church League BB (M)3-9pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>(207)2:50-5pm - Troop #277 (M)9-10:30pm - Church League BB (210)11:15-12:15pm - Jr Great Bks (208)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (207)11:15-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (M)3-9pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>(C)2:30pm - Stations of the Cross (201+213)8:30-3pm - Teacher-in-Service (M)9am-9pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>(C)4pm - Confessions (M)9am-4pm - Gym Practice</p>
<p>19</p> <p>(C)1pm - Baptism (200)9-11am - RCIA (Entire School)9:30-10:45am - RE (98,99,100)9:30-10:45am - EC (M)7-8:15pm - Conf Year 1 Group (M)9am-4pm - Conf Retreat</p>	<p>20</p> <p>(207)9-11:30am - Manna (Entire School)6:30-8pm - RE (M)8:30-10pm - Men's BB (M)3-5:30pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>21</p> <p>(201)7-8pm - Conf Adv Year 2 (201)8-9pm - Conf Adv Year 1 (200)7:30-9pm - Pre-Cana (207)2:50-5pm - Troop #244 (M)7-9:30pm - Church League BB (207)11:20-12:20pm - Jr Great Bks (Art)11:20-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (210)11:30-12pm - Jr Great Bks (Lib)11:15-12:15pm - Jr Great Bks (M)3-7pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>(M)7:30-10:30pm - Church League BB (207)9:30-11am - Manna (200)7-8:30pm - RCIA (210)9-4:30pm - Troop #276 (207)3:15-4:30pm - Troop #242 (208)3:26-4:30pm - Webeles Cub Scout (M)3-7pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>(M)7-8pm - Pack Meeting (M)3-6:30pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>(C)2-2:30pm - Stations of the Cross (M)3-9pm - Gym Practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>(M)2pm-All night setup - HN Pancake Breakfast</p>
<p>26</p> <p>(200)9-11am - RCIA (M)7am-2pm - HN Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p>27</p> <p>(207)9-11:30am - Manna (M)8am - Spring Play Setup (208)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks</p>	<p>28</p> <p>(200)7-9pm - Pre-Cana (M)8am - Spring Play (207)2:50-4:15pm - 1st Gr Brownies (Art)11:20-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks</p>	<p>29</p> <p>(207)9-11:30am - Manna (M)4pm - Spring Play (207)6:45-8:15pm - Cub Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>(M)7pm - Spring Play</p>	<p>31</p> <p>(C)2-2:30pm - Station of the Cross (208)11:25-12:05pm - Jr Great Bks (201)9am-1pm - 8th Gr Retreat (C)1pm - 8th Gr Mass</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p>Clean Up Turn Off Lights No Smoking Your Cooperation is Appreciated</p>

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
March 6 through March 12**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Frances Moore, Bruno Bransberger, Marcie Johnston
Tuesday	8:00am	Michael E. O’Brien, Angela Clifford, Francis Cirrincione
Wednesday	8:00am	Evelyn Weaver, Joseph Lucente, James Bozec, Patricia Fairchild, Francis Cirrincione
Thursday	8:00am	Mary Ricciardone, Calandriello Family, Lucille Tertinger, Anne Koziol
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Celeste Klees, Joseph N. Ulfig, Joseph Megla, Johnston Family, Maurita King
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11am	People of St. Cletus

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- ...Robert Cowdrill, husband of Ruth
- ...Brian McGough, husband of Darlene

Wedding Banns 

We announce with joy the approaching marriage of...

Elizabeth Ortenzo and Royal Hartwig
Bridget Polacek and Patrick Goggin

Altar Servers 

- March 11/12
- 5:00pm - C. Mosquera, N. Lobraco, C. Callahan
 - 7:00am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher
 - 8:00am - M. Garvey, K. Tosheff, K. O’Connell
 - 9:30am - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages
 - 11:00am - M. Bruce, A. McQuillan, E. Maldonado

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 11, 2006

- 5:00 PM**
- LR Pawlowicz, Rita-
 - SM Micek, Judy C1 Pavlik, Loretta-
 - B2 Beales, Dave C2 Beales, Nadine
 - B3 Delaloye, Joe C3 Delaloye, Rose
 - B4 Micek, Dan C4 Micek, Judy
 - B5 Kensek, Maggie- C5 Kalata, Marcie-
 - B6 Thuma, Mary- C6 Ghera, Alicja-

9:30 AM

- LR Okkema, Peter
- SM Dunkovich, Alice- C1 Okkema, Ann
- B2 Hullinger, Shirley- C2 Nolan, Jeannine-
- B3 Zupanic, Robert- C3 Dillane, Jennifer-
- B4 Bartucci, Carol- C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
- B5 Reichl, Mickie- C5 Stumreiter, Earl-
- B6 Severino, Laurie- C6 Nicosia, Christine

11:00 AM

- LR McMahon, Helen
- SM Samuelson, Debra- C1 Gleich, Sharon
- B2 Hagen, Emily- C2 Condon, Mary Ka-
- B3 Meuwissen, Jean- C3 Drago, Irene-
- B4 Forsyth Sullivan, KiC4 Samuelson, Debra
- B5 Haggerty, Frank- C5 Brannigan, Rita-
- B6 Rogan, Janina- C6 Nash, Sheila-

Sunday, March 12, 2006

- 7:00 AM**
- LR Maltby, Terry-
 - SM Zmuda, Louise
 - B2 Zmuda, Louise
 - B3 Zmuda, Ron
 - B4 Sullivan, Patrick-
 - B5 Loch, Len-
 - B6 Walsh, Mary Jane-



- 8:00 AM**
- LR Staelgraeve, Mark
 - SM Welch, Jerry C1 McCartney, Sandr
 - B2 Borsilli, Helen- C2 Hogue, Kay-
 - B3 Thornton, MadelineC3 Thornton, William
 - B4 Zaremba, ElizabethC4 Welch, Jerry
 - B5 Farnsworth, Vicki- C5 Warren, Catherin
 - B6 Kuchta, Ann- C6 Dalsin, Pat-

Come Home

Father Robert Barron continues his series to kick-start inactive Catholics into returning to church. The next presentation is **Christ the Center of Your Life**, March 9, 7:30pm to be held at:
St. Mary Star of the Sea
6435 S. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago
(773) 767-1246