

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

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352-2383

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352-4834

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352-8597



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

At the end of November, I preached at a few of the Masses on a student of mine who is a pregnant 19-year-old girl. She comes from a family of 7 children, her being the oldest, and 5 of whom have been adopted. Her parents chose to home school her for the first 16 years of her education and when it came to college, she came to UIC which really opened her eyes to the diversity of the world. Her family is a traditional Catholic family driving from the far suburbs into the city to attend a Latin Trinitine Mass every weekend.

When the young woman came to UIC she felt a lot of freedom that she had never felt before and did not concentrate enough on her studies and ended up flunking out after the first year. Her parents made sure that she came back home and sent her to a community college. While she was there she met a young man and after knowing him for only a short amount of time ended up having sex with the young man. She found out a month later that she was pregnant and didn't know what to do.

Her faith informed her that she should not consider the option of abortion even though the young man that she had the relationship with was encouraging her to do so. She was confused, frightened, isolated, probably much like Mary, the mother of God, felt when she found out she was pregnant with Jesus. Early on in the pregnancy, once she told her family, her family thought that she cast such shame on them that she should not be allowed to be in their house any longer as she would be a bad influence on the other children.

She came to me and we looked at some options. Originally she had thought about keeping the baby and trying to raise the child on her own, but after we explored this further, it became apparent that this was just not an option and so I suggested to her that we look into adoption.

I preached about her situation at the Masses at the end of November and I was overwhelmed by the generosity of the people at St. Cletus, which I always am, and many told me that they would be able to help in one form or another. My immediate concern for her was that I find her a place to live in a safe environment, and through one of our parishioners, we found a wonderful family in Lincoln Park that took her in the beginning of December. She has lived in their home ever since and they have gone above and beyond the call of duty, especially in light of the fact they had a six-month old at home as well. People from St. Cletus were also generous in giving me money for this young woman to sustain her during this time, especially when the pregnancy advanced and she was not able to work any longer. The young woman stayed close to the students at the Newman Center and they really became her family in a very supportive way during the final month of the pregnancy.

In the intervening months I contacted a number of couples I know who were interested in adopting a child who for one reason or another were not able to have a child and the young woman and myself interviewed them and she finally decided on one in particular who was not able to have a child in 11 years. They were financially stable, good practicing Catholics and promised to send the child to a Catholic school. The adoptive couple was very excited about this possibility.

The young woman was originally due on March 17th and they moved her due date up to March 3rd and then back to March 20th. She delivered a healthy, 8-pound baby on March 21st, this past Tuesday. The adoptive parents were present at the birth of the child and they were thrilled to be a part of the child's life from the moment he came out of the womb.

On Thursday of the past week, I had an entrustment ceremony for them and the young woman literally gave her baby over to the adoptive parents and while I'm sure there was some amount of sorrow on the young woman's part, she also knew in her heart that this was the best decision for the livelihood of her child.

I bring this story to your attention because I think it says a number of things about our Church. First of all, we must always be concerned about those who are most vulnerable and those who are misguided. Secondly, we must always trust that God will provide for us, no matter what the circumstances are in our lives. Thirdly, the community of the Church here at St. Cletus really assisted in the whole process and was very generous and supportive; for that I am extremely grateful. Lastly, it made me realize how important the Newman Center is as a place where young people who are in difficult situations can come and find some hope and direction on how to lead their lives.

My other full-time responsibility in addition to being the Administrator of St. Cletus, is being the Director of the John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. We're holding a fundraiser on April 7, 2006 at the Union League Club of Chicago. It will be a dinner at a cost of \$300 per person. This dinner is extremely important to our financial survival so that we may continue to serve young people who are in need at the UIC campus. If you would be interested in coming to the dinner or being a sponsor, I would invite you to call my Associate, Paul Goetz at (312)226-1880 or myself. We are honoring Sally West Brooks, who is an alum of the University and the National Chairperson for the American Cancer Society. Entertainment for the evening will include Peter Cetera, formerly of the group Chicago. I would appreciate any help you can give us in making this dinner a success. God Bless You.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

It's Today in Morrissey Hall!

The Holy Name annual Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast will be served today from 7am~12:30pm in Morrissey Hall. Adults are \$5 and children \$2. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Jim Matthews

Welcome Sunday - Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend April 1/2, 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Reminder: Ministers of Care

The new schedules and phone directories are available for pickup in the Minister's Room in church. Please remember to stop by for your copy.

Dolores Wouk
Minister of Care Coordinator

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, 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.

Food Pantry


Please Help Fill Our Pantry Shelves for our April 6 food distribution. The items we most need at this time are dry pinto beans, rice, tuna, soup and cereal. Other needed staples include pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, and 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, Social Concerns

Stewardship

"What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Ps 116:12)

March 19

Budgeted Revenue:		\$28,500
Collection Received:		26,326
Shortfall this week:		- 2,180
Revenue to budget		
Shortfall for this fiscal year:		- 2,660
# of envelopes mailed:		3,181
# of envelopes returned:		976

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.

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 the month.

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.

Misericordia Women's League Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

Save the date! Join in the celebration as Misericordia Women's League celebrates: "Flashback: A Decade of Heartfelt Memories" at the House of Blues Chicago on April 8. The casual high energy evening will feature a full dinner buffet, open bar and the exciting music of "Maggie Speaks" one of Chicago's hottest cover bands. For ticket information, please contact Women's League hotline at (773)273-2754 or visit our website at www.misericordia.com/events.

The Lenten Journey: Return To Me With All Your Heart

Once again, the season of Lent beckons us to conversion, to return to the Lord with all our hearts. Join Fr. David Simpson, O. Carm., at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, on Tuesday April 4, from 9:30am to 1:30pm as he leads us on the journey to conversion. Cost: \$40/person includes lunch. Celebration of Eucharist in the National Shrine of St. Therese is included in this day. Call the Spiritual Center at (630) 969-4141 to register.

Joyful Again! (A Widowed Ministry)

Joyful Again! is a faith-based program and will be held at Old St. Pat's Parish, 711 W. Monroe, Chicago. All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat/workshop is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and joy in their lives while keeping treasured memories of their loved one. This workshop will be held on May 6/7. Register early, space is limited. For further information, call (708) 354-7211.

Annual Fundraiser

St. Joseph High School's annual fundraiser "Chargerfest" will be held on Saturday, April 8, on the school campus. Events commence at 6:30pm and continue until midnight. The evening will offer live entertainment, an open bar, all you can eat buffet, Trivia, and Auction and Raffle tables. A purchase of a "Super Raffle" ticket at \$100 offers a chance to win \$10,000 and allows one free admission to Chargerfest.

Regular admission is \$50. Join us for a "Rocking Good Time"! For more information, call (708) 562-7488.

Nazareth Academy Presents ...

Nazareth Academy's drama department, headed by Kim White, will present their 2006 Spring musical "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday, March 30, 7pm, Friday, March 31, 7pm, Saturday, April 1, 7pm and Sunday, April 2 at 1:00pm in the Nazareth Student Center. Ticket prices are \$15 for senior citizens, students and children under 12 years of age. Adult tickets are \$20. All seats are reserved. For further information, call Clare Paliatka at (708) 354-0061, x149.

Protect the Planet for Our Children

Are we stealing tomorrow from our children? Moreover, are we undermining their capacity to live in a healthy, vibrant world? Patricia Mische, co-founder and president of Global Education Associates and Professor of Peace Studies and World Law, examines these and other concerns about the future of our planet and our children. The presentation "**Educating Children of Earth: Leave No Children or Their Planet Behind**" will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 7-9pm, at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Motherhouse and Ministry Center, 1515 W. Ogden Avenue in La Grange Park. The fee is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. For more information or to register, call The Well at (708) 354-9200, ext. 5088 or 5058.

Franciscan Village

Mark your calendar! You are cordially invited to join the family and friends of Franciscan Village on Sunday April 30, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, at the beautiful Ashton Place Banquets in Willowbrook for the annual Spring Alive Benefit & Silent Auction. Contact the Franciscan Village Development Office at (630) 243-3435 for tickets or additional information.

Proceeds benefit the Franciscan Village Gift of Care Program, which assists current residents who have exhausted their final resources with an opportunity to continue living at Franciscan Village without financial interruption. Franciscan Village fully funds this program. Ticket price is \$60 per person. \$30 of the \$60 may be considered a charitable contribution. Reservation deadline is April 14. The Franciscan Village is located at 1260 Franciscan Drive, Lemont.

Helping Simon of Cyrene Carry Jesus' Cross [Fourth in a six-part Lenten Series on Mystical Images]

"It seems as though through purely earthly accidents we are made responsible for what is heavenly and divine."

Karl Rahner wrote those words to describe what happened to Saint Joseph when he was asked by an angel to be the husband to Mary and support her in the birth and raising of Jesus: "*Take the child to yourself.*" Something of God was entrusted into his care, not because he wanted it, planned it, or because he himself was central to the event. He was asked to do something simply because of circumstance, because he was engaged to someone inside a great drama. Moreover, what he was asked to do radically reshaped his life in a way not according to his own choosing.

Rahner's words are just as accurate when applied to Simon of Cyrene, the man conscripted to help Jesus carry his cross. The Passion accounts tell us that, when Jesus was too weak and wearied to carry the cross, a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene was forced to help him carry it.

We aren't given any details as to how this happened other than that Simon was someone who was incidentally there, a "passer-by", a victim of circumstance. This was not something for which he had planned or volunteered. He was merely at the wrong place at the wrong time. No doubt too, being conscripted to help carry the cross was an irritation and something humbling and shameful for him (guilt by association with a condemned criminal). Helping a scorned person carry his or her humiliation in front of a jeering crowd doesn't exactly bring the same reaction as helping Tiger Woods carry his golf clubs.

Whatever Simon's feeling, there can be no doubt that helping Jesus carry his cross was something that was unwanted, unpleasant, and was experienced at the time as an unfairness, bad luck.

Yet, ironically, this would be the most significant thing he would do in his whole life, earning him a place of history and folklore that can only be envied by the most famous of athletes, entertainers, politicians, writers, and religious figures. Simon of Cyrene will be forever famous. Thousands of years from now his name will still be remembered - and for the right reason, he helped carry the cross of Jesus.

There's a wonderful mystical image here, namely, the picture of a man or woman being victimized by circumstance so that he or she, simply by being at a given place at a given time, is conscripted to do a task that is unwanted, unplanned for, humbling,

disruptive of his or her own agenda and dreams, and et this unwanted thing becomes, in the end, the most important thing he or she will ever do.

How does that happen to you? How do you become a Simon of Cyrene, helping Jesus carry his cross?

The cross of Jesus appears in many forms: Whenever you are the one who has to take care of an aging parent because circumstance arranges that you are the one who happens to be living close by; whenever you are the parent of a handicapped child a n d are asked to do things ordinary parents aren't asked to do; whenever you are the one to whom the emotionally needy person at work chooses to reach out; whenever you are the one whose gentle nature makes it difficult to say no and people take advantage of you; whenever you are the one who is the first at the scene of an accident; whenever you are the one whom the drunk accosts on the sidewalk; whenever you are the one who forever finds herself caught up in duties not of your own choosing that always have you around when the less-glamorous work needs to be done; whenever you are the one whose plans and dreams can be sacrificed because everyone else's are deemed more important; whenever you're the one whose life is disrupted by unwanted circumstance, you are Simon of Cyrene, helping Jesus carry the cross.

Simon of Cyrene was not central to the drama or meaning of Jesus' passion and death. He was an unimportant figure who happened to be standing at the edges of things when the drama accidentally enfolded him and forced him to play an un-glamorous, self-effacing, but needed, role. His own agenda and plans had to be sacrificed and his response was, no doubt, less than fully enthusiastic. Yet this unplanned for, conscripted, humble service became the most important thing he ever did, his signature piece, and gave him a place in history beyond the thousands and millions whose place in the drama of life was deemed important.

There's a lesson here: Henri Nouwen once wrote "*I used to get upset about all the interruptions to my work until one day I realized that the interruptions were my real work.*"

Pure earthly accidents often do make us responsible for what is divine and they conscript us to our real work.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week of March 27 through April 2

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – John Fisher, Edward Hefler, Sr.
Tuesday	8:00am	Francis Cirrincione, Leona Luczak, Dennis Motyka, James Carmody
Wednesday	8:00am	Arlene Skryd, Celeste Klees, Cecelia Kolcic, Edward Evans, Chester Yobe
Thursday	8:00am	Thomas Kigin, James Maher, Robert Cowdrill, Barbara MacKay
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Joseph Megla, Bob Cowdrill, Edward Evans, Janet Flanagan, Angela Clifford
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers

Monday, March 27
8:00am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, K. Tosheff,
S. Goethals

Tuesday, March 28
8:00am - M. Garvey, C. Usher, C. Stepuszek

Wednesday, March 29
8:00am - M. Garvey, C. Usher, C. Stepuszek

Thursday, March 30
8:00am - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages,
M. McQuillan

Friday, March 31
8:00am - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages,
M. McQuillan

Saturday & Sunday, April 1/2
5:00pm - D. Anfield, J. Zak, A. Fisher
7:00am - E. Pavlik, K. Pach, J. Kubiszyn
8:00am - C. Mosquera, N. Lobraco,
C. Callahan, D. Hebral
9:30am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher,
S. Goethals
11:00am - M. Garvey, K. Tosheff, B. Okkema,
T. Bruce

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 01, 2006

<p>5:00 PM</p> <p>LR Spizzirri, Susan- SM Micek, Judy C1 Wouk, Dolores- B2 Sheridan, Erin- C2 Andrews, Diane- B3 Benkert, Kim C3 Benkert, John B4 Micek, Dan C4 Micek, Judy B5 Zarembo, Elizabeth C5 Ghera, Alicja- B6 Delaloye, Joe C6 Delaloye, Rose</p>	<p>9:30 AM</p> <p>LR Hagen, Emily- SM Hullinger, Shirley C1 Nilles, Carolyn- B2 Gardner, Joan C2 Gardner, Fred B3 Stumreiter, Earl- C3 Kunkel, JoAnn B4 Ward, Laura- C4 Hullinger, Shirley B5 Heyes, Stuart C5 Heyes, Marlene B6 Kelliher, Larry C6 Kelliher, Karen</p> <p>11:00 AM</p> <p>LR McMahon, Helen- SM McCaffray, Paul- C1 Mulderink, Ken- B2 Gebka, Mary Lu- C2 Brannigan, Rita- B3 Hoskins, Celine C3 Hoskins, William B4 Haggerty, Frank- C4 McCaffray, Paul- B5 Rogan, Janina- C5 Meuwissen, Jean B6 Koch, Barbara- C6 Schump, Cathy-</p>
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Sunday, April 02, 2006

<p>7:00 AM</p> <p>LR Maltby, Terry- SM Zmuda, Louise B2 Zmuda, Louise B3 Zmuda, Ron B4 Skupien, Kathy B5 Pogar, Carol B6 Fahey, Ann-</p>	<p>8:00 AM</p> <p>LR Dalsin, Pat- SM Stamm, Richard C1 Stopka, Sharon B2 Curotto, Louis- C2 Sullivan, Patrick- B3 Saban, Jackie- C3 Warren, Catherin B4 Stamm, Barbara C4 Stamm, Richard B5 Thornton, Madeline C5 Thornton, William B6 Thuma, Mary- C6 Kuchta, Ann-</p>
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Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:
...David Bolton, father of Bill
...Beatrice Sullivann
...Ted Diersen

Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed... Reis Michael Scheer to Our Parish Family.

Lenten Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 2:00pm