

**SAINT CLETUS PARISH
2006 CONFIRMANDI**

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Fr. Marshall's Musings

There will be an open meeting for all parishioners in Morrissey Hall on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00pm. Mr. Thomas Brennan, Director of Finance for the Archdiocese of Chicago, will present the results of the audit that the Archdiocese conducted concerning the finances of St. Cletus Church. All are welcome to attend.

Today our Church is especially blessed with the presence of Bishop Thaddeus Jakubowski, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, who is here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. Our second-year Confirmation Candidates will receive the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands and the anointing of their foreheads.

These are ancient symbols in our Church, where the Bishop or Priest lays his hands upon us as he does in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick. It is a sign that the Holy Spirit comes upon us and we pray that the Holy Spirit will be with us. The Anointing with Chrism is the Sacred Chrism that was blessed by Cardinal George during Holy Week and sent to all the parishes in the Archdiocese for this Sacrament. It is also used in Baptism and in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Oil is used as a symbol of strength, that these young Catholics may be strong in bearing witness to the presence of the Risen Lord. They need the strength of the Spirit to combat all the mixed messages that our culture lays upon us. So let us congratulate and pray for the young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today that they may be strong, faithful witnesses of the Risen Christ and that they will be participating members of the St. Cletus community.

Today is also what is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Gospel reading that we have today. It's difficult for us as Americans to grasp the understanding of a shepherd because most of us have not had experience and neither seen or known a shepherd in our lives. I remember once years ago I had gone to Israel with a group of people and saw shepherds for the first time. It is amazing how sheep follow the shepherd and how the shepherd follows the sheep.

The question that commands of us then is how well do we know the Lord and how well does the Lord know us. As I've said before, that can only happen if prayer is at the center of our lives and if we are willing to take our relationship with the Lord seriously.

My prayer for us on this Good Shepherd Sunday is that we will examine our prayerfulness and the intensity and regularity of it and then discover from it how God has bestowed his love on us. May the Easter Season continue to give us new life and joy because Jesus has risen from the dead and broken the bonds of death so that you and I may have new life.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

Parish Celebration Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend on Sunday, May 7 at a 12:30pm Liturgy, our seventy high school candidates celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Thad J. Jakubowski, their families, friends, advisors, and sponsors, who represent the larger Christian community, especially those of us who could not be present. We congratulate these confirmandi, who have spent the past two years preparing for the reception of the sacrament. We welcome them into a deeper and fuller participation of our faith community and pray that all our lives will be renewed by the special gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

Mother's Day Baby Shower & Carnation Sale

The St. Cletus Committee for Respect Life Activities is hosting the 15th Annual Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale in the church foyer after all Masses next weekend.

Baskets will be in the church foyer to collect baby gifts.

Gift Suggestions:

+new layette items	+baby shampoo
+crib sheets	+baby wash cloths
+newborn diapers	+baby towels
+blankets	+undershirts
+bibs	+rectal thermometers
+baby lotion	+booties
+baby oil	+baby powder
+newborn sleepers & outfits	+baby hats/caps

(no need to gift wrap your donations)

Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own Parish community and to Catholic Charities sponsored Centers.

Pick up your Mother's Day red or white carnations at the tables in the foyer next week, still only \$1.

Karen & Mike McDonnell

Coordinators for the Baby Shower & Carnation Sale

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton

*Coordinators, Committee for Respect Life Activities,
St. Cletus Parish (708) 579-0118*

Second Collection Next Weekend

Help our Moms: the heart of the families we serve. Support Catholic Charities annual Mother's Day Appeal next weekend, May 13/14. Envelopes are available in the pews today. Thank you.

(1) Congratulations!

Today we congratulate two students from our Religious Education Special Sacrament Program, Lauren Catrone and Jacob Ishler. Jacob and his family join us around the altar at the 9:30am Mass and Lauren and the Catrone family gather at the 11:00am Mass as Jacob and Lauren receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Congratulations to both Lauren and Jacob on this very special occasion.

(2) Thank you...

to the following catechists for a wonderful year of serving and instructing the students in our Religious Education Program. You are an awesome group of dedicated, faith-filled volunteers.

Sunday

Bernard Adams
Therese Anfield
Mary Bouse
Debbie Church
Mary Lu Gebka
Paula Jirsa
Judy Kennedy
Joan Kittler
Karen MacLean
Patricia Morris
Lily Anne Nueva Espana
Jacquelyn Pach
Jessica Parra
Catherine Pavlik
Karen Pedrigi
Bob Piccirillo
Linda Poggensee
Barbara Pristo
John & Kathryn Rak
Julie Rehwoldt
Sarah Smetana
Catherine Smith
Rebecca Trujillo
Patricia Wenderski

Monday

Theresa Bednar
Norma Cannella
Cathy Carroll
Gretchen Conrad
Jodi Grzegorek
Joseph Haberkorn
Dominic Hernandez
Christa Hogan
Karissa Knickelbein
Robert Linkowski
Peggy McLaughlin
Judy Micek
Nancy Montemagni
Mary Nasenbenny
Rosa Nilles
Catherine Reynolds
Julie Rickman
Lawrence E. Rincon
Kathy Sisul
Carrie Soudan
Susan Spizzirri
John Supple
Beatriz Sutkus
Jana Svec

(3) Congratulations to Mrs. Joan Kittler!

Joan Kittler has been serving as our Lead/Core 5th Grade Catechist for the past five years. She has been planning lessons for and coordinating our Sunday/Monday 5th grade catechists and teaching her own class of 5th graders as well. Joan has been busy taking classes offered by the Archdiocese for her

certification as a Master Catechist of the Archdiocese. She will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Office for Catecheses. Congratulations, Joan, on a job well done.

In addition to teaching, Joan is wife to Donald, mother to a newly confirmed son, Adam, and 6th grade daughter, Abby. Joan is a school nurse at St. John of the Cross and in her SPARE TIME teaches swimming on Monday nights at the YMCA. P.S. Joan asks that YOU please continue to save your pop-tops over the summer and turn them into the Religious Education Office. The Ronald McDonald House needs them this year. This year the 5th grade collected 25 pounds of pop-tops and you helped.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, 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 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. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. It is just as important to know that the prayers have been answered; please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on our prayer list.

Be Courteous!

Although we all love our cell phones, not all of us wish to hear them ringing during Mass. As a courtesy, please either put your phone on vibrate or turn it off completely when entering the church.

Thank you!

Carol Pogar
Director of Liturgy

Reminder: St. Cletus School Annual Plant Sale

St. Cletus School has once again teamed up with Vern Goer's Greenhouse to offer the best annuals, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, and other gardening supplies. Simply ask for a St. Cletus coupon at the time of payment and St. Cletus School will receive 12.5% of the purchase price. Purchase as much as you like and as often as you like during the month of May. Coupons will only be accepted Monday - Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm. Questions? Call Cathy Madden at (708) 352-1104. See you at the greenhouse!

Stewardship

"Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (Cor 1:9-7)

April 30

Budgeted revenue:	\$25,000
Collection Received:	24,974
Shortfall last week:	-26
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	7,396
# of envelopes mailed:	3,187
# of envelopes returned:	907

Thank you for your continued support. 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. More information? Contact Bobbie at the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

50th Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2:30pm, at Holy Name Cathedral, 751 N. State St., Chicago.

Couples married in 1956 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact St. Cletus Parish, (708-352-6209), by **June 7** to register. For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 751-8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

A Prodigal God

A couple of years ago, Barbara Kingsolver wrote a book entitled *Prodigal Summer*. It tells the story of a young woman who got pregnant during a summer within which everything seemed to be dangerously fertile. From the plants, through the insects, through the animals, to the people, everything seemed to be teeming with fecundity, overactive, overabundant in seed. Life seemed to be bursting forth everywhere. The title of the book is a good metaphor for what she describes, a summer overabundant in fertility.

Nature is like that, teeming with everything, prodigal, fertile, overabundant, wasteful. Why else do we have 90% more brain cells than we need and why else is nature scattering billions of seeds, of virtually everything, all over the planet every second?

And if life is so prodigal, what does this say about God, its author?

God, as we see in both nature and in scripture (and know from experience), is over-generous, over-lavish, over-extravagant, over-prodigious, over-rich, and over-patient. If nature, scripture, and experience are to be believed, God is the absolute antithesis of everything that is stingy, miserly, frugal, narrowly calculating, or sparing in what it doles out. God is prodigal.

Dictionaries define "prodigal" as "wastefully extravagant and lavishly abundant." That describes the God that Jesus incarnates and reveals.

We see this in the parable of the Sower. God, the sower, goes out to sow and he scatters his seed generously, almost wastefully, everywhere - on the road, among the rocks, among the thorns, on bad soil, and on rich soil. No farmer would ever do this. Who would waste seed on soil that can never produce a harvest? God, it seems, doesn't ask that question but simply keeps scattering his seed everywhere, over-generously, without calculating whether it is a good investment or not in terms of return. And, it seems, God has an infinite number of seeds to scatter, perpetually, everywhere. God is prodigious beyond imagination.

Among other things, this speaks of God's infinite riches, love, and patience. For us, there is both a huge challenge and a huge consolation in that. The challenge, of course, is to respond to the infinite number of invitations that God scatters on our path from minute to minute. The consolation is that, no matter how many of God's invitations we ignore, there will always be an infinite number of others. No matter how many we've already ignored or turned down, there are new ones awaiting us each minute. When we've gone through 39 days of Lent without praying or changing our lives, there's still a 40th day to respond. When we've ignored a thousand invitations, there's still another one waiting. God is

prodigal, so are the changes God gives us.

Sr. Margaret Halaska once captured this wonderfully in a poem she entitled, *Covenant*:


The Father knocks at my door, seeking a
home for his son:
Rent is cheap, I say
I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.
I'm not sure I want to sell,
but you might come in to look around.
I think I will, says God.
I might let you have a room or two.
I like it, says God. I'll take the two.
You might decide to give me more some day.
I can wait, says God.
I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult.
I need some space for me.
I know says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.
Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.
I really don't need that much.
Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.
I'd like to give you the whole house
but I'm not sure -
Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out.
Your house would be mine and my son would
live in it.
You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.
I don't understand at all.
I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.
You'll have to discover it for yourself.
That can only happen if you let him have the whole
house.
A bit risky, I say.
Yes, says God, but try me.
I'm not sure -
I'll let you know.
I can wait, says God. I like what I see.

If we look back on our lives and are truly honest, we have to admit that of all the invitations that God has sent us, we've probably accepted and acted on only a fraction of them. There have been countless times we've turned away from an invitation. For every invitation to maturity we've accepted, we've probably turned down a hundred. But that's the beauty and wonder of God's richness. God is not a petty creator and creation, itself, is not a cheap machine with barely enough energy and resources to keep it going. God and nature are prodigal. That's plain everywhere. Millions and millions of life-giving seeds blow everywhere in the world and we need only to pick up a few to become pregnant, fecund, capable of newness, maturity, and of producing life.

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
May 8 through May 14**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Jozef Slowik, Clare J. Idzik, Gerry Jackson, Jim Bozec, Karen Gorak, Joe & Kay Klemak
Tuesday	8:00am	John Ruzas, Angela Clifford, Bruno Bransberger, Esther Darlington, Chester & Anne Koziol
Wednesday	8:00am	Mildred Vendegna, Velma Gartland, Joseph George Kutta, Ben Dybas, Josephine LaBanca
Thursday	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Frank Broniarczyk, Betty Benson, James & Francis Streysman, John Hopp, Celeste Klees
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Percy & Anne Hamilton, Eleanor Thoma, Lucille Tertinger, Theresa McDonald, Joseph Megla
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11 am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 

May 13/14

- 5:00pm - C. Madden, K. Kelliher, H. Heim,
7:00am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher,
S. Goethals
8:00am - M. Garvey, K. Tosheff, K. O'Connell,
T. Bruce
9:30am - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages,
M. McQuillan
11:00am - M. Bruce, A. McQuillan,
E. Maldonado, C. Lang

**Loyola University Medical Center
Presents**

“Motherless Daughters”...a workshop for adult women who have lost their mothers will be presented by Barbe Creagh, PhD, FAMI. CT., Bereavement Counselor, Rainbow Hospice. This workshop will be held on Saturday, May 13, 9:00am 'til 12:00 noon at Loyola University Medical Center, 2160 S. First Avenue, Maywood. To register or for further information, please call: Nancy Kiel, Bereavement Coordinator, Loyola Hospice, (708) 216-1646. There is no charge for this program, but registration is required.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 13, 2006

5:00 PM LR Demonte, Linda
SM Swindall, Toni C1 Wouk, Dolares-
B2 Kensek, Maggie- C2 Bartucci, Carol-
B3 Deloloye, Joe C3 Delaloye, Rose
B4 Swindall, Vic C4 Swindall, Toni
B5 Beales, Dave C5 Beales, Nadine
B6 Boyer, Kathy- C6 Lach, Len-

Sunday, May 14, 2006

7:00 AM LR Pfeiffer, Irv-
SM McCartney, Sandra-
B2 McCartney, Sandra-
B3 Mezan, Mary Ann
B4 Smith, David-
B5 Sullivan, Patrick-
B6 Soldat, Mary Rita

8:00 AM LR Curatto, Luis-
SM Kalata, Marcie- C1 Borsilli, Helen-
B2 Skupien, Kathy C2 Pagar, Carol
B3 Hagen, Jim C3 Hagen, Colleen
B4 Ford, Mary Beth- C4 Kalata, Marcie-
B5 Dalsin, Pat- C5 Severino, Shirley
B6 Biesadecki, Carol C6 Biesadecki, Bob


9:30 AM

LR McMahon, Helen-
SM Hullinger, Shirley C1 McCaffroy, Paul-
B2 Maday, Josephine C2 Tosheff, Christine
B3 Mulderink, Ken- C3 Stumreiter, Earl-
B4 Williams, Alice C4 Hullinger, Shirley
B5 Haggerty, Frank- C5 Reichl, Mickie-
B6 Gardner, Joan C6 Gardner, Fred

11:00 AM

LR DalPorto, Christine
SM Curnutt, Rose- C1 DalPorto, Karen
B2 Mangahas, Aurora- C2 Gleich, Sharon-
B3 Chaney, Marlene- C3 Koch, Barbara-
B4 Nilles, Carolyn- C4 Curnutt, Rose-
B5 Benkert, John C5 Benkert, Kim
B6 Hintan, Geri C6 Gebka, Mary Lu-



Wedding Banns 

Nicole Makowski and Jesse Castillo
Laura Holdman and Dan Lieber
Nancy Overholt and David Nobile

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...George Kuchta, father of Debbie Church