

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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WEBSITE EDITION



MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00p

Sunday: 7:00a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a, 6:00p (Spanish)

Evening Before Holy Day: 7:00p

Holy Days
6:30a, 8:00a, 9:00a

Monday - Saturday
8:00a

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office at 708-352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates & times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office at 708-352-4834

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM

Rev. Robert Clark
Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Neill
Associate Pastor

Rev. Charles Watkins
Associate Pastor

Maria Arias
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Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director / Social Concerns

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FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear in scripture this week that Jeremiah has been called by God to be a prophet to all nations. God reassures Jeremiah and us that we have nothing to fear regarding this call. We are told that God will be with us and that he will deliver us in the end but we must be willing to trust in Him and persevere. St. Paul tells us we can do this through LOVE.

A sincere THANK YOU for our Christmas Collection

On behalf of the entire parish of St. Cletus and myself I wish to thank each of you for your generous support of your parish through your Christmas contributions. Please find in this weeks Canticle the summary report of your contribution to the parish this past Christmas. Your generosity enables us to meet our financial commitments and supports the many ministries within the parish. God has truly blest us all with your loving support and generosity. May God continue to bless each of you as you continue to do the work of the Lord within the parish. You all remain in my daily prayers and thoughts.

Parish Commitment Cards

You should have received the mailing from the parish by now which includes your end of the year contribution statement for your taxes and your commitment card for next year's contributions. I sincerely thank you for your past generous support of our parish and ask that you consider continuing your support for the coming year. If you have not returned your commitment card I ask you to do so as soon as possible. Your response helps us to plan our budget for the new fiscal year which will begin July 1, 2007. Thank you for your support in advance and may God continue to bless each of you.

Confirmation Retreat

*Our annual Confirmation Retreat is quickly approaching. The dates for our overnight retreat are February 24 – 25. We still are in need of young adults (21+) for our retreat team. I find it hard to believe that in our parish which is almost 3,200 families we can't find 12 young adults that would be willing to help for this overnight retreat as small group leaders and facilitators. The role of the young adult leaders is vital to the success of this retreat experience. Let us not disappoint our sophomore candidates with a lack of response to support them as they prepare for their Confirmation. Please contact Mary Beth Ford our Youth Minister at (708) 352-4641 (work) or (708) 354-0862 (home) or at marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com if you can help. **YOUR HELP IS TRULY NEEDED AND WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!***

Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. It has become tradition in the church that on this day a blessing of throats takes place asking through the intercession of St. Blaise for protection from any ailments of the throat. We will have the blessing of throats after the 8:00 am morning mass on this day.

Catholic Education Week

We congratulate our Parish School and Religious Education Program as we begin this year's celebration of Catholic Education Week. We have every right to be extremely proud of our wonderful parish school and religious education program here at St. Cletus Parish. Both programs have and do serve our children well. It is our time to brag about our efforts and accomplishments. KUDOS TO ALL THE CHILDREN OF ST. CLETUS PARISH!!!!

Welcome New Staff Members

I am pleased to announce the addition of three new employees to our parish family. Paulette Bolton will now serve part time as our new Director of Worship. She will be responsible for the organizing, scheduling, and training of all our ministers that serve us in church at the table of the Lord. Debbie Lestarczyk will serve as our full time director of parish facilities and grounds. She will be responsible for the upkeep of all our parish facilities and grounds and will supervise our parish maintenance personnel. Nora Gardner will serve part time helping to cover the front desk of the rectory. We welcome them to our parish family here at St. Cletus.

*Love,
Fr. Bob*

2007 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS

Your reward shall be great in Heaven (Luke 6:23)

This week, many of our parishioners will receive a mailing from Cardinal George. He will ask that you make a pledge to the 2007 Annual Catholic Appeal.

The ACA not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

Your financial support is important. The success of the Appeal depends upon the gifts given by each of us to support our Archdiocese.

The campaign theme, taken from the "Sermon on the Mount", is our call, not just to give our treasure but, to leave the earth a better place because of our presence in it. One of the many ways to do this is to contribute to the Annual Catholic Appeal so that through our parish and Archdiocese, we can spread the Word of God through the education, ministry and services provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$112,656.00, 100% of the additional money received is returned to us for use in our parish..

Please make a generous pledge.

Fr. Bob



CONGRATULATIONS ST. CLETUS SCHOOL

A WEEK OF CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007 - PARISH APPRECIATION DAY

Join the school/parish community at the 9:30am Mass to celebrate our faith. Our students made thank-you cards for our St. Cletus parishioners that were placed in this weekend's Canticle and Student Council officers are speaking at each mass to personally thank the parish for their support. The school is hosting an Open House after Mass from 10:30am to Noon to visit with faculty, staff and students. The School Board will have information tables in the Kindergarten, Morrissey Hall and 5th/6th grade lobbies. Eighth grade Science Fair projects will be on display in Morrissey Hall. Seventh grade History Fair projects will be on display in the Seventh and Eighth grade classrooms. Sixth grade Consumer Fair projects will be displayed in the Sixth grade rooms. Fifth grade Young Inventors projects will be displayed in Rooms 116 & 117. Student Council members will be available in the Morrissey Hall Lobby to give tours to new families.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

The St. Cletus School band is performing for the school body at 1:40pm and for the parents at 7:00pm. We will be on the assembly schedule for the day.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007 - TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

All school mass at 10:30am. The FSA will serve a special lunch for all of the teachers and staff from 11:25am to 12:25pm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007-STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY-DRESS DOWN!

Students may dress in red and white for the all-school Red and White Volleyball Game. First grade starts the day of Red vs. White competition at 9:10am and the Eighth grade "final" round of volleyball will begin at 2:00pm. We appreciate our students, so no homework will be given to students today! PLEASE JOIN US TODAY FOR THE FUN!



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Thank God for wise words

In Denzel Washington's inspiring book, *A Hand to Guide Me*, 70 legends and leaders share their stories of those who mentored, guided, and if necessary pushed them along to live to their full potential. Parents, relatives, teachers, and coaches were all part of the mix. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, think about the adults who inspired you to learn and grow and do your best. Consider the role you now play in the lives of young people. Keep in mind these wise words from James Baldwin: "Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30*

"All were amazed at the gracious words that came from the mouth of Jesus."

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Start again

How many of us struggle and suffer daily in the chains that bind us with guilt, fear, self-loathing, doubt—in other words, to the past? It's miraculous how being a Christian allows us to wipe our slates clean, not by erasing the past or our responsibilities but by breaking our bondage to what we have done or failed to do. Jesus comes to forgive us, free us, and let us renew our lives. He always holds out the possibility of a fresh start. Very few things in our lives let us do the same.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20*

"And when Jesus had come out of the boat, there met him... a man with an unclean spirit, who lived among the tombs."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

The original faith healing

How can a woman be healed from her hemorrhaging by only touching the cloak of Christ? He tells her that the sincerity of her faith had saved her. The church confirms the power of faith through its place as one of the three "theological virtues," along with hope and charity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that faith is when "a person freely commits his entire self to God," and by which he or she can accept everything given by God. But unlike the "cardinal virtues," faith is truly not of our own accord; rather, it is a grace both from God and toward God. How often do we stop to ask for faith, rather than question it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43*

"Jesus said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 FEAST OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST
Before there were Boys' Clubs

With some notable exceptions, throughout much of history the default position for disciplining children was to force them to be good by punishing them harshly when they were bad. One of these exceptions was the 19th-century Italian priest John Bosco. Going as a young priest to work in Turin, he encountered masses of boys the industrial conditions of the city had left out in the cold. In response, he established youth clubs, hostels, and boarding schools. What was especially unique was his "preventive system" of dealing with the boys, which was based on reason, religion, and kindness. It appealed to their intelligence and their

desire for God and the good. Saint John Bosco also founded religious orders for men and women, the Salesians, to expand and continue this work. You can try to force the bad out of a person, or you can appeal to the good in them.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6*

"Where did this man get all this? Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 SAINT BRIGID'S DAY

Taking nothing, gaining everything

While Saint Brigid (ca. 460-528) is not on the official church calendar, it's a custom to mark the day of this important woman who is one of the three patron saints of Ireland. Legends about her abound, but we do know she founded many religious communities, including, with a hermit named Conleth, a "double monastery" at Kildare for both women and men. Like many saints, she was known for her great charity. Draw on her enterprising spirit to do something generous today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13*

"Jesus ordered them to take nothing for their journey: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS); GROUNDHOG DAY

Lighting the way

Groundhog Day, thanks to Bill Murray's film of the same name, has evolved from a rather silly predictor of spring into an illustration of Yogi Berra's famous "This is like déjà vu all over again." The film's central character is required to repeat the same day again and again, the same blundering mistakes and miscues, until his attitude toward life and people changes. Folk wisdom says, "Keep doing what you're doing and you'll keep getting what you're getting." In other words, not much in life will change for the better unless we ourselves take a step closer to the light who is Christ. If we're looking for a hint of springtime, a simple act of kindness where there was none might just change everything.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;*

Luke 2:22-40

"My eyes have seen your salvation... a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 FEAST OF BLAISE, BISHOP, MARTYR

Full-throated faith

In the 14th century when the plague was devastating Europe, people desperate for a cure or to be spared the disease called upon the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a special group of saints whom they believed protected them from symptoms of this dreaded disease, like fevers, headaches, the deaths of animals, and in Saint Blaise's case, throat ailments. If you go to church today, chances are there will be a blessing of throats through the intercession of Blaise. While we need all the help we can get in cold and flu season, the crossed candles and the words of the blessing are more symbols of our faith in God to protect us from whatever ails us. Take advantage of this unique once-a-year custom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34*

"As Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them."

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Welcome Sunday - Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, February 3/4, 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 School Open House 10:30am `til noon

We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning with the 9:30am Sunday liturgy. Following the liturgy we invite you to Experience The Difference at St. Cletus School. We are hosting an Open House today from 10:30am to 12:00noon. Please join us as we showcase our school and Catholic education. We look forward to your visit!
Jolene Hillgoth - Principal

(1) Year I and II Confirmation Candidates

Remember, you have a required large group meeting this, Sunday, January 28, from 7:00-8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. Chicago's Imagination Theater, Inc. will be presenting "Show Some Respect." The program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council. Please be sure to arrive on time. We are looking forward to an interactive and engaging evening!

(2) Year II Confirmation Candidates

... will celebrate the Rite of Election/Enrollment of Names, at the 11:00am Mass next Sunday, February 4. 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 90 teen candidates in your daily prayers.

Mary Beth Ford - Youth Director

Eucharistic Adoration...

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament February 5, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45.

Volunteer adorers please keep your usual schedule.

Attention! Leisure Loafers

Thursday, February 1, is the date to remember. Please plan on attending our meeting as we will be entertained by a popular young male singer, John Boda. He entertained us some years ago and we are so pleased that he has agreed to come back again. His performance will follow our 1:00pm meeting in Morrissey Hall. Do come and welcome John, you will be happy you did! See you there!

Mary White

Holy Name Society

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 2, 8:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building. Our main topic of conversation will be our annual pancake breakfast to be held on Sunday, February 25. We need all the help we can get so please plan on attending! Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Dan Gibbons

Compassionate Care Ministry - In Service

On Tuesday evening, February 6, at 7:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building, a training session will be held for all those who have volunteered to participate in the Compassionate Care Ministry. This is a very important gathering and we strongly urge all those who have volunteered for this new ministry to attend. If you have any questions, please email us via the St. Cletus website, ccm@stcletusparish.com. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday, February 6.

Eugenia Callison
Committee Member

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Zack Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, 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 Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are homebound and unable to attend Mass.

Stewardship

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



January 21, 2007

Budgeted revenue:	29,061
Collection received:	23,561
Shortfall last week:	- 5,500
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 81,545
# Of envelopes mailed:	3,190
# Of envelopes returned:	895
Thank you for your continued support.	
2006 Christmas Collection thru 1-21-07	
	238,002

Parish Sharing

The Parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Presentation and Our Lady of Lourdes have been integrated into St. Agatha Parish. In order for this Catholic Community to succeed, they need our help and prayers.

Please continue to be generous with our Sharing Parish(es) the first Sunday of each 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 the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

Mission Bunco & Card Party

The St. Hugh Society of Catholic Women will hold their annual bunco & card party on Sunday, February 11.

This event will be held in Keating Hall, Forty-third & Prescott, Lyons. The doors open at 11:30am with hot lunch/coffee/cake - being served at 12:00noon. Donation: \$4. In addition there will be prizes and a raffle. Tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Comboni Missions & Missionaries.

Joyful Again!

Mark your calendar now for a two-day, faith-based program designed especially for widowed men and women.

What: Retreat for Widowed Men & Women
 When: March 10 & 11, 2007
 Where: St. Charles Borromeo Center
 (near Hwys. 53 & 55, Romeoville)
 Donation: \$115 (includes meals/lodging)
 Register by calling: (708) 354-7211

What is a "Nun Run?"

A Nun Run is a 24+ hour experience during which young women ages 18-35 are invited to visit 3-4 different Sister's houses (convents) to share life with us. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, hear our stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided, no fee for the weekend. Nun Runs are scheduled for February 10-11, 2007 and March 23-24, 2007. Call Sr. Carolyn Jost, SSND at (708) 899-3971 or email ScarolynJ@aol.com for information or to register.

Be compassionate
 as
 God is compassionate.




January 29 - February 4


Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Francis Cirrincione, Ann Jiganti, Dr. W. James Syms, Tony Bertram, Marcie Johnston
Tuesday	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Larry Ptasinski, Marcie Johnston
Wednesday	8:00am	Ramona M. Syms, Roger Brown, Al Cooke, Johnston Family
Thursday	8:00am	Nettie Rasher, Linda Bagal, Joseph Megla
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Brother Robert Fisher, Celeste Klees, Nan Rettig, Linda Felice, Karen Gorak,, Stella Kadlec
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Michael Maly Purgatorial Society
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	People of St.Cletus Carol Lawler Sam DeSio, Geraldine Okkema, Eugene Sorrentino Robin & Sven Peters 25 th Wedding Anniversary


Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8], 11; Lk 5:1-11

Healing Masses in honor of St. Peregrine, the Cancer Saint, take place every third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the National Shrine of St. Peregrine, Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica (except during the months of May and December). Persons with cancer and others seeking healing are invited to come individually for a blessing with the relic of St. Peregrine at the conclusion of the Mass. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica is located in Chicago at 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, adjacent to the Eisenhower expressway. There is ample secure parking at the rear of the Basilica. For further information call 773/638-5800 x46.

Altar Servers 
February 3/4
 5:00pm - T. Lopez, C. Manley, K. Caplice
 7:00am - D. Anfield, E. Pavlik, J. Zak
 8:00am - N. Gallivan, J. Doyle, A. Smith
 9:30am - N. Dentamaro, N. Lobraco,
 C. Callahan
 11:00am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher

Rest in Peace
 Please pray for those who have died and their families:
 ...Anna Mae Smith
 ...John P. Wagner, father of John Wagner

 **Baptism**
 This Past Week We Welcomed...Mikalee Ann Knez and Maxwell Scott Marquardt to Our Parish Family.

Wedding Banns 
 Christine Arturi and Greg Vaupell