

St. Cletus School
Faith Family *Future*
Light the Way

Catholic Schools Week
January 27 - February 1, 2008

**JOIN US
OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008
10:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.**



Mass Intentions for the Week of January 28 - February 3, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Ann Jiganti, Sr. Veronica Adams, O.S.F., Johnston Family
Tuesday	8:00am	Phillip C. Butkus, Dr. W. James Syms, Fran & Frank Cirrincione
Wednesday	8:00am	Walter Rogers, Marcie Johnston
Thursday	8:00am	Ramona M. Syms, Frank Wojcik
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Linda Bagel, Joseph Megla, Nan Rettig, Frank Wojcik, Sr. Elizabeth Kotre, CSJ
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Frank Wojcik Jozef Slowik, Robert Suchy, Stella & Felix Gembala, Sharon McGowan, Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz, Karen M. Wilson
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Parish Priests Intentions Frank Baggio, Rose Mary Ptak Karen Gorak, Eleanore Jarosz Timothy Benrus, Elouise Prough, Michael Maly, Frank Mendrala



February 2/3

5:00pm - M. Rincom, E. Ashe, K. Callahan
 7:00am - D. Cherny, A. Anfield, J. Chervinko
 8:00am - A. Balch, J. Dombro, D. Bendyk
 9:30am - B. Franklin, K. Collins, A. Heslin
 11:00am - M. Bruce, T. Ruggiero, A. Contarino

**Please pray for those who have died
and their families...**

- † *Dorothy A. Davis*,
Mother of Stephen
- † *Josephine Poznanski*,
Mother of Judy Truelsen
- † *Margaret Husch*,
Mother of Annette Schuman



Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, February 2, 2008

5:00 pm	
SM Curnutt, R	LR Augustine, E
B2 Andrews, D	C1 Bartucci, C
B3 Beales, D	C2 Boyer, K
B4 Bozec, B	C3 Beales, N
B5 Ryva, J	C4 Curnutt, R
B6 Richards, M	C5 Zaremba, E
	C6 Reichl, M

Sunday, February 3, 2008

7:00 am	
LR McDonnell, M	
SM Stamm, B	
B2 Stamm, B	
B3 Stamm, R	
B4 Mezan, M A	
B5 Smith, D	
B6 Smith, P	



8:00 am	
LR Bellisario, J	
SM Welch, J	C1 Ward, L
B2 Kessler, T	C2 Sipek, S
B3 Biesadecki, R	C3 Biesadecki, C
B4 Bliss, G	C4 Welch, J
B5 Walsh, M J	C5 Warren, C
B6 Stopka, S	C6 Nicosia, C

9:30 am

LR Reisel, T	
SM McCaffray, P	C1 Keating-Gay, S
B2 Burke, K	C2 Thuma, M
B3 Williams, A	C3 Blecic, D
B4 Nolan, J	C4 McCaffray, P
B5 Mulderink, K	C5 Nilles, C
B6 Horak, V	C6 Stumreiter, E

11:00 am

LR Conf. Candidate	
SM Bolton, P	C1 Ward, L
B2 Hagen, J	C2 Hagen, C
B3 Provan, J	C3 Provan, K
B4 Gleich, S	C4 Bolton, P
B5 Augustyn, R	C5 Brannigan, R
B6 Burke, K	C6 Nash, S



WELCOME SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2/3

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, February 2/3, 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.

BAPTISM

PLEASE WELCOME to Our Parish Family...
Danielle Andrea Dow
 (Daughter of Bryan and Caitlin (Weston) Dow)

Notes from Father Bob...

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

“The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.”

In the busy seaport of Corinth, Paul, the apostle and preacher of Christ, came to plant the Christian faith. It was a tremendous place to come to: a thriving commercial centre, full of people, full of business, full of life and activity. Religions and philosophies vied with each other for pride of place in this great metropolis. Vice and immorality also found great space and scope for their activities. If the faith could be planted here, it could quickly spread to that whole area of southern Greece.

Paul established a strong community of believers, but it was not long before trouble broke out. It was hard enough to live the Christian life in an environment as complex as Corinth, but even harder when internal dissension broke out. Factions and in-fighting developed as people vied to be truer Christians than others. Dissension such as this casts a shadow over people’s lives. Living with arguments and quarrels is like living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Paul has to write to the people and remind them to turn their gaze to the one person who really matters—Jesus Christ. It is this person, this name, this life that unites us. Let the darkness of our squabbling cease, and let us turn our eyes again to the source of our joy, the Lord himself.

On the day Christ died, darkness covered the earth from the sixth hour until the ninth hour. The sun was blotted out, and the day became as black as night. But on Easter day the Son of God rose from the dead, and light returned to this earth. As Paul tells us, no clever philosophy could explain this or understand it. It is God’s doing, and we, who live together in the darkness of this world, have experienced the coming again of the light of life.

Our world is dark enough. Everywhere on earth there is dissension and war. People turn against each other, shouting their slogans, waving their flags, and breathing death and destruction to the foe.

For the sake of justice and for the cause of peace, we cannot continue to live in the dark. Violence must not provoke us into wrongdoing or hostility with others. Paul tells us today—be united in your belief and in your practice. As the spiritual experience of eclipse and darkness might teach us—there is only one God, and we are all God’s children.

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal - “The Lord is my Light...” (Psalm 27:1)

Today we are conducting the annual campaign that asks all parishioners to make a financial commitment to the Archdiocese of Chicago. I want to thank all of you who have given to this campaign in past years. I can assure you that the funds you gave are deeply appreciated by the parishes, schools and people served by the Archdiocese.

Each of us is called to share his or her gifts in support of the Church. We must first support our parish and then our Archdiocese and the Church throughout the world. The Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a very effective way to support ministry outside of our parish boundaries. I ask you to continue to be as generous as you have been in the past in answering this important call.

Pray for Our Troops and Peace in Our World

Please continue to remember our young men and women who serve our country so faithfully all over this world. Especially remember those who will find themselves in harms way this day. May God continue to watch over them and keep them each in His loving care and protection. May we truly find peace in this world and an end to strife and war so that these young men and women may return home to us safe and whole. Amen.

*In the Peace and Light of Christ,
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

Lessons for life

Why is it that we can remember by name just about every teacher we had from first grade until at least eighth grade, if not high school and beyond? Teachers have an impact on our lives that is hard to quantify but is nevertheless enormous. They serve as role models and inspirations for some of the many ways it is possible to grow up and make a contribution to the world. We owe our best teachers our unending thanks—and we give it to them when we make our own best contributions to the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23*

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news."

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

FEAST OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, DOCTOR

Look to the light

Those who look for demons in everyone are probably contending with a few of their own. Others are more focused on seeking goodness and truth wherever it appears. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), by all accounts one of the geniuses of Christian tradition, had more to say of angels than of devils. "God is [our] universal teacher and guardian," he wrote. "But his teaching to [us] is mediated by angels." Consider the "angels" in your life who have mediated wisdom to you by their loving presence, words, and example. How can you be an "angel" for someone who looks up to you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30*

"The scribes said of Jesus, 'By the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.'"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Was Jesus a family man?

Those who espouse "family values" might squirm a bit at the passages in the gospel where Jesus seems to be showing a bit of disrespect to his own family. Jesus is teaching us here that our loyalties and obligations go beyond our families of origin. As Christians, we belong to a larger family with larger responsibilities—to listen to the words of Jesus and to seek the will of God. Jesus redefines family, not with the intention of excluding anyone, but rather to invite everyone to a join a greater family with a greater vision of family values.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35*

"Jesus said, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Bless my soil

You can't always take parables in the gospels on face value. They do not always mean what they seem to be saying—which is why it helps to have a good study Bible or scripture commentary at hand when you break open a Bible. But every now and then the gospel writers have Jesus explain exactly what he meant. Such is the case with the parable of the seeds and the soil. What to make of the birds eating some seeds while others whither or were choked by weeds? Easy: The seed is the Word of God. From some it is taken. Others show some initial enthusiasm but go on to something else after a time. Still others turn away when trouble strikes or let worldly concerns distract them. But

who is the rich soil? The ones who hear the Word and accept it. Where does the seed of God's Word fall in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20*

"And these are the ones sown on the good soil: They hear the Word and accept it and bear fruit."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Don't just sit there

Many people it seems are locked into the understanding of their faith they had when they were children, or the one they get from the tiny pieces of scripture they hear in the Sunday readings or Father's homily or elsewhere in the liturgy. To those in that situation, Jesus has a message: To really understand and be able to share his message, ponder it and grow in understanding of it or you'll lose what you have. The greater your knowledge of faith, the deeper it will be.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25*

"Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

One sin does not deserve another

Among the many vivid stories in the Old Testament is the one of King David, the woman Bathsheba, and her husband Uriah. While Uriah was away fighting one of David's wars, the king had an adulterous liaison with Bathsheba, who became pregnant. Instead of taking responsibility, David tried to have Uriah killed, eventually succeeding by ordering him placed in the most dangerous part of the battle line—going to a murderous extreme to avoid facing up to what he did. How often do we, like David, attempt to cover one sin with another, instead of moving from sin to the grace of repentance and forgiveness?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34*

"Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Temple time

After a while Mary and Joseph probably got the idea they never knew what was going to happen when Jesus went to the temple. When, as faithful Jews, they presented him there, they encountered two elderly holy folks who let them know that the boy was the messiah they and the people had been waiting for. Then on a future Passover trip they discovered their precocious child had stayed behind in the temple and was dialoguing with an amazed group of teachers. Later in his life some pretty big things happen when Jesus goes to the temple, and the disciples gather there after his resurrection. What happens when you encounter Christ in the temple?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40*

"And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple."

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St. Cletus School Open House
Sunday, January 27, 2008
10:30am until 12:15pm
Faith Family Future

We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week today beginning with the 9:30am liturgy. Following the liturgy we invite you to experience Faith Family *Future* at St. Cletus School. We are hosting an Open House today from 10:30am to 12:15pm. Please join us as we showcase our school and Catholic education. We look forward to your visit!

A big St. Cletus *thank you* to the entire St. Cletus Community for their continued support. We are a great school because of all the support we receive through time, talent and treasure.

Along with adding Spanish to our Curriculum this year, we are working on strengthening and revising our religion curriculum. We recently purchased two Smart Boards to enhance learning. A Smart Board is an interactive whiteboard that positively affects learning by creating more opportunities for student involvement, motivation and enthusiasm within the classroom.

Included in today's bulletin are bookmarks created by our students as a thank you for the support from our fellow parishioners. On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for sharing your gifts with the children. Please stop by our Open House and see for yourself the accomplishments of our students.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

R.C.I.A. NEWS

Our RCIA Candidates will not be with us on Sunday, February, 3, at the 9:30am Mass. We will be going to Holy Name Cathedral for the Rite of Election with Cardinal George at 2:30pm. The Rite of Election calls our Candidates to the next level of admission to the Church on Holy Saturday. Our candidates will no longer be called Candidates after this ceremony but the Elect. Please pray for these four candidates as they enter deeper into the Catholic faith and formalize their desire to become Catholic.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INVITATION

On Sunday, February 10, at 9:15am, the Religious Education Junior High Students welcome Mr. Joseph Paprocki to St. Cletus Parish. Mr. Paprocki is a national speaker, author, parent, catechist, and brother of the bishop. Joe will be speaking to our students on the Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Mass, come and join us. All are welcome.

The presentation begins at 9:15am in Morrissey Hall and will conclude at 10:45am. I hope to welcome you.!

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 & 2 CANDIDATES REMINDER!

Tonight is a large group session from 7:00-8:15pm in Morrissey Hall. Jackie Goes and Fr. Merkelis from Providence High School will be speaking on "Spirituality in Sexuality".

See you tonight!

Amy Cranny
Youth Director

MANNA THIS WEEKEND

MANNA will be available after all Masses this weekend. MANNA is an ongoing fundraising program through the St. Cletus FSA, which purchases gift cards at a discount, sells them at face value and the proceeds then go to the school. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase. **It's not too early to start thinking about your sweetheart gifts for Valentine's Day!** Any questions please call Caryn Dombro (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim (708) 354-4257.

Thank you for your support.

SOCIAL CONCERNS ...

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Interfaith Community Partners, a network of trained volunteers from local churches, helps older adults in our community maintain their independence and remain connected to their communities through

- Home Visits
- Transportation to Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Phone Calls to Provide Reassurance

If you or a friend could benefit from these services, or if you are able to volunteer to help, please call Interfaith Community Partners at their new number: (708) 579-8929.

MORE GIVING TREE THANKS

Besides the personal words, hugs, tears, and smiles of appreciation we received on the day of our gift and food distribution, at the January Food Pantry, and in many phone calls, we have also received numerous cards. I'd like to share a couple of those heartfelt thank-you messages, because our client's words say it best and mean the most:

Dear Angels of St. Cletus,

We hope this merry Christmas season brings you special happiness. You have made ours wonderful, too! God Bless You for all you do during this season and throughout the year."

"A thank you isn't enough to say, for the help and hope you have given my family in the hard times. May you be blessed in the New Year."

"This was our best Christmas ever, when we thought it would be the worst. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

Please remember to bring your donations of in-date non-perishables to Church when you come to Mass. Our drop-off bins are now back in their regular spot in the Madonna della Strada Shrine in the church vestibule. At this time we are in extreme need of canned fruit, cereal, tuna, rice, dry pinto beans and paper products. Thank you for your ongoing support.

A Special **Thank You** goes to Pat Rogers, Lyons Township Supervisor, for his ongoing efforts to support the clients of the St. Cletus Food Pantry. We received a check for \$1000.00 from the Township of Lyons, in time to help us greatly with the parish Giving Tree Project and our monthly food distributions. His letter also states "On behalf of the Town Board, I wish to commend the St. Cletus Parish for providing this food pantry in order to assist the less fortunate." Let's continue to work together to help the working poor in our area.

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

UPCOMING NEWS: Greetings! My name is John Findley; I am a parishioner and a Boy Scout with Troop 216. For my Eagle project I am working in conjunction with the St. Cletus community food pantry to make and distribute Easter baskets for the March 13 Food Pantry. You can find me in the Church vestibule on one of the following dates: February 9, 10, 16 or 17. I could use as many donations as I can get. Please look for me then. If you have any questions you can reach me at (708) 588-0191. Thank you!

ST. CLETUS HOLY NAME

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 1, 8:00pm in Room 201 of the Education Building. St. Cletus School Principal, Jolene Hillgoth, will be the guest speaker. Plans for the March 18th annual pancake breakfast will be discussed. All men of the parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Hope to see you there!

Dan Gibbons

WOMAN CARE SERVICES, INC.

(CARING FOR HER - SAVING HIS CHILDREN)

The WomanCare Services, a crisis pregnancy center in Berwyn, passed out baby bottles after each Mass last weekend, January 19/20. When you took home a bottle to fill it with change and dollars that you may have spent on treats or entertainment during the next week, you will be helping to save lives. These donations help women and teens in our area facing unexpected pregnancies. We provide them with crisis counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, maternity and baby clothing, baby furniture, medical and housing referrals - all free of charge. Your generosity makes this possible.

Reminder: The baby bottles will be collected after all Masses next weekend, February 2/3. Thank you for participating in this life-saving event!



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Vincent Trauth, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY

Last Weekend	\$ 22,281
A Year Ago.....	23,560
This Fiscal Year (thru 1/20/08)	\$799,182
Last Fiscal Year (thru 1/21/07).....	771,145

As always, we sincerely thank all who generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

TAX TIME!

As 2008 begins, it is time to turn our attention to the dreaded task of preparing our 2007 income tax return. St. Cletus will once again be mailing a statement to all registered parishioners and anyone who made a contribution to St. Cletus during 2007. We will begin mailing the statements January 29. Please be patient; we will process close to 3,500 statements. Mailing the statement to all is necessary for our record keeping and control. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office (708-352- 6209).

Michele O'Brien
Director of Finance

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Thursday: St. John Bosco
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; First Saturday; Groundhog Day

Be sure to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, February 5. For helpful and non-partisan information on how each candidate stands on certain important issues, consult www.issues2000.org.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

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 (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 (215-5407).

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday thru Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

Bulletin Articles

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, one full week prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.

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