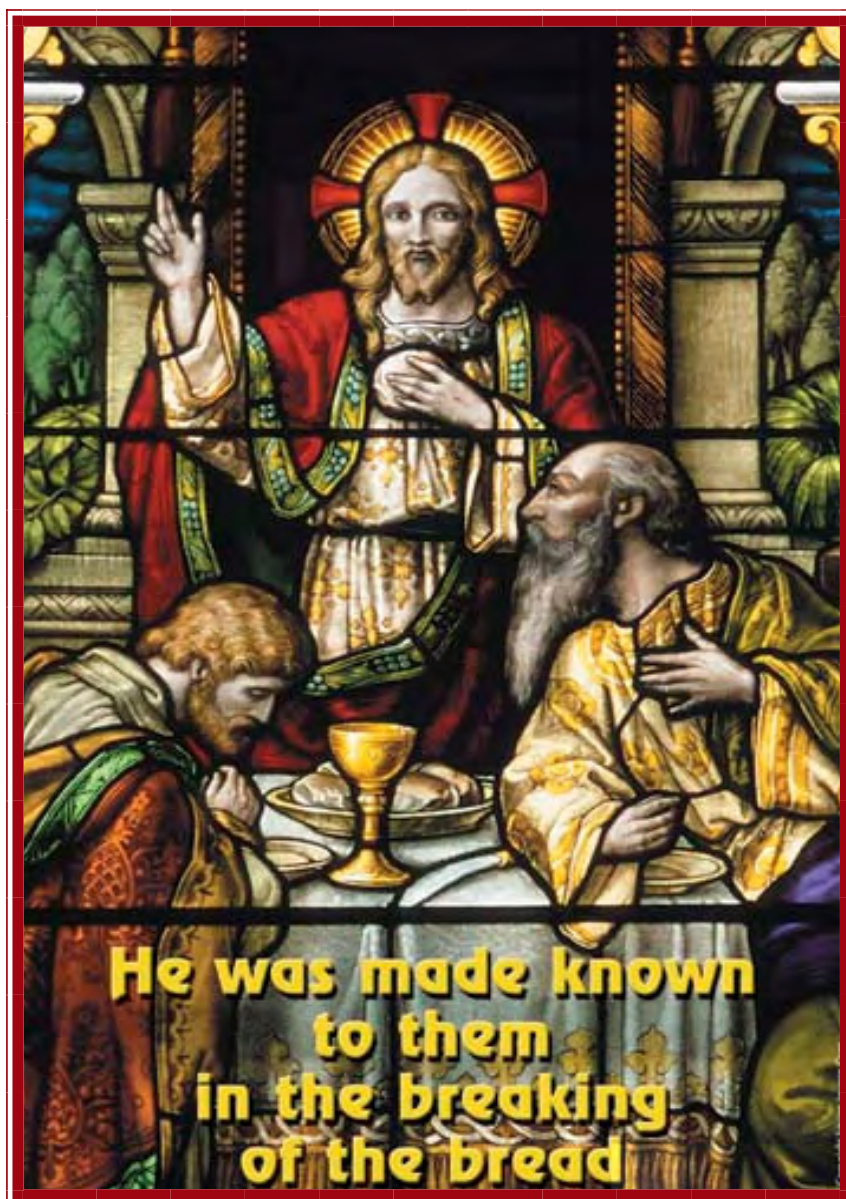


St. Cletus Canticle

April 6, 2008

Third Sunday of Easter



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Mass Intentions for the Week of April 7 - April 13, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Delores Depa, Johnston Family, Joseph & Kay Klemak
Tuesday	8:00am	Robert Suchy, Andrew L. Jaskierski, William Hoskins
Wednesday	8:00am	Frank Wojcik, Marcie Johnston, Hans Günter Linsmaier
Thursday	8:00am	Dorothy A. Davis, Barbara Thompson
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Erik Geyer, John Hopp, Caroline Wrozek
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Jozef Slowik, Leo Zagorski, Dolores Slowiak, Donna Czerwinski
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Barbara Thompson Joseph Kasperski Tom Kigin, Walter F. Rogers, Jr. Karen M. Wilson, Julian & Julia Kwiatkowski, Thadeus & Marion Kwiatkowski Hispanic Ministry Priests

AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF APRIL 12 & 13, 2008

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Bolton, P.	Zmuda, R.	Curnutt, R.	McCaffray, P.	Bolton, P.
LR	Reynolds, C.	McDonnell, M	Goethals, K.	McLaughlin, S.	Demonte, L.
B2	Burke, R.	Zmuda, R.	Hullinger, S.	Nolan, J.	Augstyn, R.
B3	Wouk, D.	Zmuda, L.	Curotto, L.	Blecic, D.	Kigin, B.
B4	Ford, M. B.	Kessler, T.	Saban, J.	Reichl, M.	Nash, S.
B5	Delaloye, J.	Parlier, D.	Bliss, G.	Dunkovich, A.	Gleich, S.
B6	Kensek, M.	Parlier, J.	Severino, L.	Schump, C.	Ficaro, J.
C1	Nash, S.		Severino, S.	Maday, J.	Mangahas, A
C2	Burke, J.		Kalata, M.	Horak, V.	Gebka, M.L.
C3	Richards, M.		Borsilli, H.	Mulderink, K.	Fisher, H.
C4	Bolton, P.		Curnutt, R.	McCaffray, P.	Bolton, P.
C5	Hockman, S.		Walsh, M. J.	Zupanic, R.	Hoskins, C.
C6	Ward, L.		Meade, M.	Meuwissen, J.	Schump, C.
Altar Servers	M. Rincon S. Rhoads D. Bendyik	K. Collins M. Figura C. Luxem	D. Cherny K. Cernetig M. Johnson-Dahl	T. Gray T. Lenz M. Tlusty	M. Flannery J. Pristo A. Heslin

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

- † *Attilio Perna*
Uncle of Daniella Bernardo
- † *Dr. Thomas O'Shea*
Father of Marty O'Shea
- † *Irene Caravello*
Mother of David Caravello and Martha Barich
- † *Elwyn D. Seifert*
Husband of Mary Rose

WEDDING BANNES



Renee Speck
and
Shawn Offenbacher

Veronica D'Amato
and
Danny Jorgeson

Alma Lucia Rodriguez Romero
and
Fernando Lara Flors

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle
Friday: St. Stanislaus

Notes from Father Bob...

Third Sunday of Easter

*A Reflection from "Living The Word"
Msgr. Ralph Kuehner and Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis
World Library Publications, 2007*

"Sometimes new worlds unexpectedly slip up over our horizon and catch us off guard. One morning we get up, stand at the foot of our bed, look out the window, and oh so briefly think how good it is to be alive; and for a moment we smile to ourselves before resuming the arranging of our day. Or we sit with a friend at a noontime lunch, telling stories and laughing over what our lives have been; and somewhere in the midst of it all we think to ourselves that what is happening right at this moment is worth all the struggles and tears of life. Or we sit by ourselves in the rare quiet of a house that is hardly ever so, and daydream, and think about what has gone on in this house over all the days and years, and realize that more than living has happened here, that love has, and maturing; and then the back door slams and our day returns to its tumultuous chaos."

"These are all moments of grace, moments when the shadows part if only briefly, and we see more clearly than we ever have before that it's the very presence of God in which we live and move. Then of course the moment disappears, and we'd like to tell someone about it and maybe we try, but in the end our words fall short. After all, how does one find words to explain how for a brief while we walked life with God more consciously than ever before?"

"I find myself wondering if that was part of what took place as Cleopas and his friend found themselves joined by a stranger on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. How could they not know this stranger was Jesus? Maybe the grace of it was that through faith they came to recognize the Lord Jesus among them, and it didn't much matter whether that dawning of light came quickly or slowly. What did matter was that it happened."

"As many have said, life is a journey. Faith, too. And journeys take us to all sorts of unexpected places, or else they're not really journeys. Faith can be one of those unexpected turns in the road that make the journey new."

When we "Make Room for God" in our daily lives we provide the opportunity to recognize the Risen Lord along our life journey.

African Well Fund Our Lenten and Easter Alms Giving Project

Our parish community has truly Risen to the task and brought the glory of the Resurrected Lord to reality in the generous response to our parish Lenten and Easter alms giving project. As of this week the children and parishioners of our parish have collected more than \$14,000 toward clean water wells for the poor in Africa. Money continues to come in and I am sure that this figure will rise even higher.

May God bless each of you for your generosity and care for your brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe. It is a real reflection of the power of the Holy Spirit alive and well within this community of faith.

*Easter Blessings --- Alleluia!!
Father Bob*



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Can we talk?

When was the last time you called a friend just to say hello? In our Day-Timer, Palm Pilot culture, spontaneous socializing and getting together “just to talk” often gets squeezed out. Yet it was in conversation on the road to Emmaus that the disciples made important discoveries about the meaning of Jesus’ life and mission. Their hearts “burned within them” as Jesus explained the mysteries of their faith to them. Conversation is an important path to discovery and growth. Make it a priority this Easter season to talk with loved ones about the things that matter most.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35*

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?”

MONDAY, APRIL 7

FEAST OF JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST

What are the rules again?

Most churchgoing folks are people of good will. We try to perform as God expects of us—like the folks around Jesus. But we’re not always clear on what those expectations are. Some of us are minimalists who hope that not doing anything really wrong is the same as living right. Some are legalists, comfortable with obeying and enforcing moral laws. Some struggle to shed a few more bad habits every year so as to creep closer to the spiritual ideals over a lifetime. Jesus says if we trust in him, we’ll always know what to do.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29*
“Then they said to Jesus, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’”

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

EASTER WEEKDAY - Fresh baked daily

There’s nothing like fresh baked goods. Compared with a cookie that comes out of a box or wrapped in a cellophane value-pack and the verdict is unanimous: Mom’s cookies are simply from another, better universe. The same holds true for the manna that arrived from heaven to feed God’s people in the desert every day. Unlike the bread that goes stale in short order, this daily bread sustained a nation for 40 years. In another generation, the crowds thought Jesus might be the new manna. And they were right. Two thousand years later, he sustains us still.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35*
“The crowds said to Jesus, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’”

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

EASTER WEEKDAY - Letting go and letting God

Most of us have an inner control freak that seeks to grab hold of the conversation, the car keys, or the remote. We wouldn’t mind getting a grip on the economy, world events, and the lives of those we care about while we’re at it. It’s hard not to be able to exercise our will over factors that affect us personally. So why would we voluntarily hand over control of our own lives to another authority? Maybe because Jesus our model did it first. Offer a prayer of confident surrender to God every morning—before world domination tempts you.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40*

“I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of the one who sent me.”

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

EASTER WEEKDAY - Be you ever so humble

Some synonyms for humility are: meekness, lowliness, poorness, meanness, smallness, unimportance, innocuousness, and submissiveness. No surprise that humility is often seen as a virtue that’s fine for other people, but not for ourselves! When we think of the word *humility*, we’re really thinking of its synonyms.

It takes a humble spirit to admit that we don’t know—whether it’s our way around a new city or our direction in life. Yet if we don’t ask questions, the answers can’t come to us, or we might not recognize them when they do. Today is a good day to ask ourselves what it is that we would like to understand; then actively look for the answer God has surely sent us.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51*
“The eunuch said to Philip, ‘How can I understand, unless someone guides me?’”

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

FEAST OF STANISLAUS, BISHOP, MARTYR - Who’s in charge here?

Stanislaus was an 11th-century Polish priest who agreed to be ordained bishop only, it is said, at the direct command of the pope. Perhaps he, like many prophets, sensed the fate of those who speak out the Lord’s message. Stanislaus’ mettle was tested when he defied the king who was trying illegally to appropriate land for himself. The king eventually yielded, but the bishop paid for his impertinence with his life. Saint Paul, whose story we begin to read today, like Jesus himself, paid dearly daring to stand against civil and religious authority for the sake of the gospel. Would our world, our city, our neighborhood be safer, more peaceful, more wholesome if we, too, dared to speak truth to power?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59*
“I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.”

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

EASTER WEEKDAY - Invest in what’s eternal

Think for a moment of all the time, energy, and money that you invest in the passing world. All the shopping, the running around, the watching television—it all ends up passing away when the world, *your* world, passes away. But in a story from the Acts of the Apostles a disciple named Tabitha invested her resources in God’s eternal kingdom. So when her world passed away, she had lasting assets waiting for her. Jesus says that our hearts are where our treasure is (Matthew 6:21). If our treasure is lasting, so will our hearts be. A mortal human can only rise to what’s eternal.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69*
“There was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, in Greek Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.”

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Our parish is participating in *Called by Name*, a vocation awareness program, the weekend of Sunday, April 13. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize the gifts and potential for leadership and service in the men and women of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share the gifts God has given them through a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Perhaps you know a man or woman who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest or religious sister. On *Called By Name* weekend, April 13, you will be asked to recommend this person [18 years old and older] by filling out a Nomination Form printed in this week’s Canticle and placing it in the collection basket. If you *yourself* feel called to ministry as a sister or priest, you may feel free to nominate yourself through this process. Interested women under age eighteen should contact Sister Peter Mary Hettling (phettling@archchicago.org) and interested men under age eighteen should contact Fr. Peter Snieg (psnieg@luc.edu). Nominated men and women will be invited to attend informational gatherings designed to help them explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. God may be asking you to help your fellow parishioners to recognize His call in their lives—please begin praying today!

CALLED BY NAME

After prayerful consideration, I believe this person (age 18 or older) has the qualities needed in a potential priest or sister. Perhaps Jesus is calling him or her to this path of discipleship.

name

address

city ZIP

phone approx. age

his or her email

how do you know this person?

your signature & phone number (optional)

I recommend this person for:
 priest brother sister

TE LLAMA POR TU NOMBRE

Después de haber orado al respecto, considero que esta persona tiene potencialmente las cualidades necesarias para ser un sacerdote o una religiosa. Esta persona es mayor de 18 años.

Nombre

Dirección

Ciudad Zona Postal

Teléfono Edad

Correo Electrónico

¿Qué bien conoces a esta persona?

su firma y teléfono (opcional)

Le recomiendo para:
 sacerdote religioso religiosa

Cardinal Corner

News from the St. Cletus School Board



St. Cletus Graduates excel in High School

The 34 member Fenwick Math Team won the first place team award and qualified the entire team for the April finals. St. Cletus grad Ted Bruce is part of the team and also received an individual award. Hannah Keller, St. Cletus graduate and a senior at Lyons Township High School is a National Merit Commended student. Commended Students placed among the top 5% of more than 1.4 million students who entered the program. Hannah and Sarah Sipek, another St. Cletus graduate, have been named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board. Magdalena Boland, Kyle Goethals, Hannah Keller, Sarah Sipek, and Paul Smith, all St. Cletus graduates and current Lyons Township students, have been named Illinois State Scholars. State scholars rank in the top 10% of Illinois' 139,500 graduating seniors. Selection is based on SATI and ACT test results and students' class rank.

Nazareth Academy had 35 seniors named Illinois State Scholars, including St. Cletus graduate Philip Moore. Fenwick student and St. Cletus graduate Colin Kelliher was also named an Illinois State Scholar. St. Cletus graduates Anthony Bartucci and Phil Moore represented Nazareth at the All-Catholic Honor Band at VanderCook College in January.

High School Honor Rolls announced:

Mt. Assisi Academy, first semester Honor Roll: St. Cletus graduate Annette Gil.

Trinity High School, second block First Honors: St. Cletus graduate Shelby Vcelka.

Fenwick High School, period 2 First Honors: St. Cletus graduates Colin Kelliher, Charles Lawler, Ted Bruce, Matt Philbin and Kelsey Kelliher and parishioners John Comfort, Scott Green and Julie Comfort. Second Honors: St. Cletus graduates Pat Heslin and Will Lawler.

Lyons Township High School, first quarter Freshman Honor Roll: St. Cletus graduates Jill Babirak, Robert Bogolin, Susan Boland, Thomas Callahan, Kelle Caplice, Alyssa Condotti, Charlotte Donatelli, Alex Driscoll, Cody Funk, Jillian Gable, Frances Galin, Nolan Galivan, Geena Grzeca, Heidi Heim, Brian Kelley, Moira King, Allison Kison, Sean Lenz, Margaret McGrath, Katherine McMillin, Michael Micek, Elle Mrazek, Jacob Newman, Katherine Nichin, Loren Oboikovitz, Paige Oboikovitz, Ben Okkema, Ryan Pierce, Lindsay Purpura, Adam Smith. Sophomore Honor Roll: St. Cletus graduates Mariah Alwahab, Kerri Czopek, Stephen Goethals, Ashley Hess, Katelyn Jacobs, Lauren Kolbusz, Robert Martinez, Matthew McQuillan, James Provan.

Saint Ignatius, first semester Honors with Distinction: St. Cletus graduate Joseph McGing. First Honors: St. Cletus graduates Shane Burke, Shane Callahan, Charlie Christopher, Vanessa Koys and St. Cletus parishioners Michael Marshall and Elizabeth Nichin. Second Honors: St. Cletus graduates Jack Doyle and Michael Kunkel and St. Cletus parishioner Christina Troy.

Nazareth Academy, first semester A Honor Roll: Melissa Luna, Philip Moore, Sara Sedlacek, Zachary Basile, Steve DalPorto, Christopher Gray, James Kennedy, Frank Laghi, Michael Moles, Jonathan Nelson, Colin Schwendt, Jaclyn Baker, Mary Shannon, Kevin Baro, John Flach, Cassandra Levitske, Colleen McCollom. B Honor Roll: William Clarke, Anthony Bartucci, Timothy Heuer, Brittany Waryjas, Megan Baro, Clare Lang, Rebecca Lenz, Jason Tosheff.

Congratulations, graduates! We're proud of you!

St. Cletus Assistant Principal recognized

Assistant Principal, Kathy Lifka was honored at the Illinois Technology Conference for Educators in February for work she did at her last job at St. Mary's in Riverside. She worked with another teacher and 6th grade students for a submission to the Learning Technology Center. The project incorporated science, social studies, Spanish, mathematics and literature, while teaching the students about global warming and its impact in Peru. Congratulations, Kathy!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS...

YEAR II CANDIDATES: This Sunday evening, April 6, is a large group session required for all Year II Confirmation Candidates. We will be meeting in Morrissey Hall from 7:00 – 8:15pm. CEP will perform “Watch My Feet”, a dance/skit performance about various high school scenarios. We will also be completing documentation for Bishop Paprocki for Confirmation. All high school students in our parish are welcome to attend!

YEAR II OVERNIGHT RETREAT: Reminder that we will be departing from Morrissey Hall next Saturday, April 12, at 7:45am, for our overnight retreat being held at LaSalle Manor in Plano, IL. Looking forward to a great experience! Any questions, call Amy Cranny in the Youth Ministry office at 708-215-5419.

Amy Cranny
Youth Director

STEWARDSHIP

A key component of stewardship is the interior change that takes place when a person internalizes the magnitude of the love God the Giver and Owner has for us. Once that is recognized, giving freely and generously is a natural response. Only you will know the amount of that gift, the gift that will change you, that will be granted from your “first fruits”, not from what is left over.

Weekly Giving Summary

Last Weekend - 5th Sunday of March \$ 26,882
A Year Ago - 4 Sundays in March -0-

This Fiscal Year (thru 3/30/08) \$1,074,138
Last Fiscal Year (thru 3/31/07) 1,011,108

Actual Collections - July - March.....\$1,074,138
Budgeted Collections - July - March.... . 1,090,000

Please note: The Budget amount each Sunday is \$27,250

Please remember to return your Commitment Card in the Sunday collection basket, by mail, or drop it off at the rectory.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Blood donors are needed every day - for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those suffering chronic diseases such as cancer and leukemia. There will be a blood drive at St. Cletus on **April 20, 2008** mark the date on your calendar!

Clare Slowik
Parish Nurse

St. Cletus Women's Club

Please join us for an evening of decorating ideas and demonstrations for your home.

Thursday, April 17 - 7:00pm
DOTI - Design of the Interior
22 W. Burlington Ave. - La Grange

Wine, soft drinks and light appetizers will be served. If you don't have access to email, please RSVP to Patty Burke @ (708) 352-1778. All others can respond to womensclub@stcletusparish.com.



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Donal Fox, Robert Haws, Roy Laurence, Bernie Kelly, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, 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, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

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

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)
Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 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.

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.