

# St. Cletus Canticle

*May 11, 2008*

*Pentecost Sunday*

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## Mass Intentions for the Week of May 12 - May 18, 2008

| Day       | Time  | Intention  |
|-----------|---|--|
| Monday    | 8:00am  | Purgatorial Society - Dorothy A. Davis   |
| Tuesday   | 8:00am  | Tom Kigin  |
| Wednesday | 8:00am  | People of St. Cletus   |
| Thursday  | 8:00am  | Michael McTigue  |
| Friday    | 8:00am  | Purgatorial Society - Lou Kadlec   |
| Saturday  | 8:00am<br>5:00pm                                | Souls in Purgatory<br>Jozef Slowik, Sandy Fisher, John Fisher, Elwyn Seifert, Betty McCarthy   |
| Sunday    | 7:00am<br>8:00am<br>9:30am<br>11:00am<br>6:00pm | Gerry Jackson, Frank Wojcik<br>Marcie Johnston, Nancy Flanagan<br>Frances Butkus, Michael Lobraco, John McGovern<br>Karen Carroll, Timothy Benrus, Elwyn Seifert, Emily Lopin<br>Intentions of All Priests |

### AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MAY 17/18, 2008

|               | 5:00 PM                              | 7:00 AM   | 8:00 AM                            | 9:30 AM                             | 11:00 AM                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| SM            | Koch, B.                             | Hagen, C.   | Karch, J.                          | Bolton, P.                          | Samuelson, D.                           |
| LR            | Bamberger, J.                        | Bellarario, J.  | Staelgraeve, M.                    | McMahon, H.                         | O'Dowd, M.                              |
| B2            | Okkema, A.                           | Hagen, C.   | Kigin, B.                          | Hullinger, S.                       | Provan, J.                              |
| B3            | Burle, R.                            | Hagen, J.   | Severino, S.                       | Maday, J.                           | Garske, E.                              |
| B4            | Bamberger, MA                        | Hinton, G.  | Karch, T.                          | Horak, V.                           | Hoskins, C.                             |
| B5            | Heyes, M.                            | Mezan, M. A.  | Kuchta, A.                         | DalPorto, K.                        | Gebka, M.L.                             |
| B6            | Delaloye, J.                         | Wouk, D.  | Kwak, T.                           | Meusissen, J.                       | Mulderink, K.                           |
| C1            | Ford, M.B.                           |   | Hogue, K.                          | Horak, V.                           | Brannigan, R.                           |
| C2            | Okkema, P.                           |  | Curotto, L.                        | Nolan, J.                           | Provan, K.                              |
| C3            | Burke, J.                            |   | Walsh, M.J.                        | Chaney, M.                          | Fisher, H.                              |
| C4            | Koch, B.                             |   | Karch, J.                          | Bolton, P.                          | Samuelson, D.                           |
| C5            | Heyes, S.                            |   | Koch, B.                           | Nilles, C.                          | Ficaro, J.                              |
| C6            | Chlapecka, R.                        |   | Stopka, S.                         | Haggerty, F.                        | Nash, S.                                |
| Altar Servers | A. Kopecki<br>J. Riccione<br>J. Kern |   | A. Dostal<br>K. Zebus<br>M. Thomas | A. Balch<br>B. Franklin<br>N. Gacek | K. Pikul<br>T. Ruggiero<br>B. Stepuszek |

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

*Richard L. Taylor,*  
father of Wendy Courtright

*Mary Vicich,*  
wife of John  
*May God Grant Them Eternal Rest.*  
*Amen.*



Lord of life, we are grateful for the gift of Mothers who were chosen by You for us: who have shared with us not only life but a multitude of gifts and talents. Our Mothers were our first examples of selfless givers, let us learn from their example and apply it to our life with Christ, as a good steward of Christ.

St. Cletus Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism this past weekend



*Bernard Cooper Cantora*  
Son of Sean & Amy (Force) Cantora

*Makayla Ariana Lehman*  
Daughter of Christopher & Jennifer (Dow) Lehman

## Notes from Father Bob...

### *Pentecost 2008*

#### *“A Variety of Gifts But Always the Same Spirit.”*

*Today’s second reading is from a letter of Paul to his friends in Corinth. He explains that it is not even possible “to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord” without the assistance of the Spirit. To put the point positively, it is the active presence of the Spirit that enables us to accept the truth at the heart of Christianity – Jesus is risen, he is truly risen, he is with us, he is Lord.*

*Paul goes on to say that the Spirit blesses the Church with a variety of gifts or charisms. In ordinary speech a charism means an exceptional natural talent, but as used by Paul it means a special gift bestowed by the Holy Spirit. It is a grace given by God ‘for the common good.’ Such gifts are allotted to the laity just as much as to the ordained. Some are dramatic, such as those of healing or of speaking in tongues; but many are less striking, such as those of teaching, of helping others, of administration. Indeed, every gift we have is a potential charism, something that can be put at the service of all.*

*Paul insists that the Holy Spirit who is responsible for the rich diversity of gifts in the Church is also responsible for the gift of unity. Many gifts “but the same source, the Holy Spirit”; “all sorts of service to be done but always to the same Lord (Jesus)” and “in all sorts of different ways in different people, (but always) it is the same God who is working in all”. “Just as a human body” says Paul “is made up of many parts and yet remains ‘a single unit’, so, thanks to the Holy Spirit, the Church is one though made up of many different members, each with their own unique gifts.”*

*An early Christian writer, speaking of the effects of Holy Communion, noted that ‘he (or she) who eats the bread (of the Eucharist) with faith, eats at the same time the fire of the Holy Spirit’. On this Sunday we might consider our own parish community and ask to what extent the ‘fire of the Holy Spirit’ is in evidence here. Is our parish alive? Are people devoting their time, their gifts, their energies to building up of community? Are we open to new ways of doing things or firmly anchored in the past? Are we completely self-centered as a parish or do we look beyond our parochial bounds? Is our unity manifested in genuine friendliness to one another, in readiness to listen to and to serve one another? Does our parish community live in harmony or is it driven by divisions?*

*Asking such questions can be valuable. But only if we are prepared to ask a supplementary question: “If things are not as they should be, what can I do to improve the situation?” If enough of us were ready to adopt that attitude, who knows what might happen? Might not the Holy Spirit put the finishing touches to our small efforts, bringing about a miniature Pentecost in our midst and so renewing the face of the earth right here at St. Cletus?*

### *Prayers and Best Wishes*

*We offer our Prayers and Best Wishes for our parish First Communion recipients; our Confirmation recipients; our Mothers on this Great Feast of Pentecost. We are extremely proud of you and wish nothing but God’s endless blessings upon each of you that you may grow in his grace always.*

*We look to the Holy Spirit this day for signs of grace that will bring you many gifts and that you may be inspired to use these gifts for the honor and glory of our loving God.*

*May we use this occasion to wish each other “Happy Birthday” as Universal Church, especially the Church here at St. Cletus Parish.*

*Blessings of the Holy Spirit,  
Father Bob*



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

May 11, 2008

Dear Friends in Christ,

On this Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We also celebrate Mother's Day and gratefully honor our mothers and all women who, in their magnanimous love, have shared the gift of life with their children.

There are many ministries in the Church and many gifts of the Spirit that manifest God's love. The gift of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is to "hear the cry of the poor" and reach out to heal Christ's body through compassionate service to those in need.

From generation to generation, for more than 90 years, Catholic Charities has cared with the love of a mother for poor and vulnerable families, children, seniors and hungry and homeless people. Last year, Catholic Charities in Cook and Lake Counties touched the lives of 1.1 million people in need—of all generations, faiths, ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Over the past year, Catholic Charities nurtured 2,235 children in caring child development centers; provided nutritious food for tens of thousands of infants, children and pregnant mothers in low-income neighborhoods; provided maternity and adoption services; and counseled hundreds of pregnant and parenting teens.

How else is Catholic Charities caring for the vulnerable? Homeless families suffering from a lack of affordable housing, education or job skills are healed and strengthened by emergency services or comprehensive, long-term family self-sufficiency programs that assure a future of hope for thousands of mothers and children each year. The dignity and independence of elderly people are advanced at Catholic Charities' twenty affordable senior residences, at senior and adult day care centers, and through in-home care and meal services.

The mothers helped by Catholic Charities are young and old, married and single, healthy and in need of healing, and Catholic Charities cares for each one with respect and compassion. Trusting in the spirit of God who binds the Church together in the unity of charity, I ask you today to offer what you can to assist Catholic Charities in its mission of charity to the next generation of mothers and children.

May Mary, Mother of the Church, bless your generosity to this appeal. On this Mother's Day, you and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Francis Cardinal George*

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



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

## SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2008

### SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

#### Feel the power

When the disciples gathered for the “first” Pentecost, the stage was set for something dramatic to happen. The Jewish feast of Pentecost was a harvest festival but also the celebration of God’s covenants with the Israelites, especially Moses receiving the law at Mt. Sinai. So when the roaring wind of the Spirit swept in, it seemed to be coming all the way from the breath of God that swept over the waters at the creation of the world. And the gift of tongues undid the post-Tower of Babel confusion: now, many languages, but everyone understands. In that first Pentecost God gifted the church with God’s presence, with signs of a new covenant and a renewal of creation that would go out to the whole world. Catch that Spirit today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23*

*“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind.”*

## MONDAY, MAY 12

### FEAST OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS

#### Not in words only, but deeds

The New Testament Letter of James is not without contention in Christian history. Whatever its authorship, its purpose is clear: to remind us of what is expected in the daily living of those who belong to Christ Jesus. James encourages those who bear trials—perhaps not unlike Nereus and Achilleus, ancient and otherwise unknown martyrs whom we celebrate today. The oppression that most interests James, however, is that which divides the rich and poor, an injustice no Christian should stand for. James is all about faith in action. Sadly, the divide between rich and poor is as true today as ever, even in our own country, and just as wrong.

TODAY’S READINGS: *James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13*  
*“The testing of your faith produces perseverance.”*

## TUESDAY, MAY 13

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

#### Good to see you!

In a wonderful book called *Our Lady of the Lost and Found*, by Diane Schoemperlen, which Mary lovers should not miss, Our Lady appears to a modern-day unsuspecting Protestant woman. “It’s me, Mary,” she says. “Mother of God.” Not getting a reaction, Our Lady winsomely continues introducing herself with a litany of names by which she’s been known throughout history. Finally, the narrator has the presence of mind to answer: “Hello.” Some of us might do no better. Those who have reported apparitions of Mary have often had a hard time upholding their end of the conversation. Prepare by starting the conversation today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21*  
*“Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and fail to see? Do you have ears and fail to hear?”*

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

### FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

#### Like winning the lottery

Awareness of our vocation doesn’t arrive in cookie-cutter fashion. Some of us always knew what we were born to do, and others discover it along the way. One young girl knew she wanted to be a speech therapist when she saw a soap opera character play the role. An encounter with an enthusiastic teacher can lead to a life in education. A visit to an art

museum can awaken the creative urge, or a lifelong hobby can become a business venture. Matthias became the 13th apostle by a casting of lots. Keep your eyes open; vocation will find you.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17*

*“I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”*

## THURSDAY, MAY 15

### FEAST OF ISIDORE

#### Food for thought

“Eating is a moral act,” says the National Catholic Rural Life Conference ([www.ncrlc.com](http://www.ncrlc.com)), an organization that “applies the teachings of Jesus Christ for the social and economic development of rural America with responsibility for the care of God’s creation.” By providing spiritual support, education, and advocacy, the NCRLC helps rural people shape their own destinies and lead lives of dignity. As we honor Isidore, a Spanish farmer of simple means remembered for his generosity with those less fortunate, today is a good day to take a look at the U.S. Catholic bishops’ 2003 pastoral letter on food and farm issues, *For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food*.

TODAY’S READINGS: *James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33*

*“Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom?”*

## FRIDAY, MAY 16

#### A world away

The news is full of stories of people in positions of power who have misused their status for personal advantage, and so it’s easy to dismiss as “not intended for me” Jesus’ famous question to his followers, what profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? But the “whole world” is a relative term, and we have all sought it at various times—whether that world is money, influence, or the admiration of our family. Any time we let the ends justify the means, we are seeking to gain the whole world. In what ways have we sought to “gain the whole world” and what has been lost in the pursuit? What small change can we make today to rebalance our priorities?

TODAY’S READINGS: *James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1*

*“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.”*

## SATURDAY, MAY 17

### FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Knowing the Beloved

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this whopping statement to make about Mary: “The Marian dimension of the church precedes the Petrine” (no. 773). In other words, she’s bigger than the pope and has more primacy than Peter. And she, like the Father, can speak of her beloved Son and the need for us to listen to him. Mary knew Jesus in her body just as we know Jesus in our own bodies through the mystery of the Eucharist. From within his words still speak to us when we study the gospels. Wouldn’t today be a good day to listen to what he has to say?

TODAY’S READINGS: *James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13*

*“From the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ ”*

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## *Congratulations to our 2008 First Communicants!*

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Casey Ahaus</i>          | <i>Jenna Elliott</i>      | <i>Amber Kulpinski</i>      | <i>James Roskopf</i>         |
| <i>Erasm0 Alcantara</i>     | <i>Tessa Elliott</i>      | <i>Alfredo Lopez, Jr.</i>   | <i>Sean Ryan</i>             |
| <i>Kevin Alvarez</i>        | <i>Jesus Espitia, Jr.</i> | <i>Eric Lopez</i>           | <i>Antonio Salazar</i>       |
| <i>Somaira Anacleto</i>     | <i>Makaela Faldani</i>    | <i>Jasmine Lopez</i>        | <i>Alejandra Santoyo</i>     |
| <i>Aaron Arce</i>           | <i>Tajia Fiolka</i>       | <i>Maximillian Lux</i>      | <i>Carlos Santoyo</i>        |
| <i>Ryan Barker</i>          | <i>Grace Furey</i>        | <i>Simon Lux</i>            | <i>Andrew Schramka</i>       |
| <i>Michael Barrett</i>      | <i>Sean Galivan</i>       | <i>Grace Luxem</i>          | <i>Grace Seter</i>           |
| <i>Olivia Berley</i>        | <i>Daniel Gamboa</i>      | <i>Maribel Martinez</i>     | <i>Sophia Sorrentino</i>     |
| <i>Allison Bradbury</i>     | <i>Nicholas Garbe</i>     | <i>Rita Martinez</i>        | <i>Robert Spencer</i>        |
| <i>Dylan Broderick</i>      | <i>Alexa Geissler</i>     | <i>Natalie Metsch</i>       | <i>Haley Spolar</i>          |
| <i>William Bruce</i>        | <i>Anthony Gennett</i>    | <i>Delaney Miller</i>       | <i>Andrew Staelgraeve</i>    |
| <i>Jack Burke</i>           | <i>Gillian Geraci</i>     | <i>Ryan Morfoot</i>         | <i>Jack Temple</i>           |
| <i>Kevin Cahill</i>         | <i>Kyle Gosiewski</i>     | <i>Kevin Mota</i>           | <i>Sarah Tena</i>            |
| <i>Alexandra Candela</i>    | <i>Marguerite Gronke</i>  | <i>Danielle Nabor</i>       | <i>Marilyn Torres</i>        |
| <i>Nicole Caron</i>         | <i>Phallyn Habercoss</i>  | <i>Juliet Noriega</i>       | <i>Ethan Tosheff</i>         |
| <i>Christopher Carrillo</i> | <i>Ezequiel Herrera</i>   | <i>Jennifer Nunez</i>       | <i>David Velazquez</i>       |
| <i>Jacqueline Carrillo</i>  | <i>Ruby Herrera</i>       | <i>Carrie O' Heron</i>      | <i>Gaby Vicuna</i>           |
| <i>Grant Chesloe</i>        | <i>Holly Hinton</i>       | <i>Meaghan O' Neill</i>     | <i>Adrian Villalobos</i>     |
| <i>Henry Claesson</i>       | <i>Ryan Hughes</i>        | <i>Maria Ojeda</i>          | <i>Alvaro Villalobos</i>     |
| <i>Malachy Collins</i>      | <i>Thomas Jacobs</i>      | <i>Alison Ostrowski</i>     | <i>Ihadira Villavicencio</i> |
| <i>Clare Condon</i>         | <i>Ryan Kallal</i>        | <i>Joselin Palomares</i>    | <i>Heather Vogt</i>          |
| <i>Melissa Condon</i>       | <i>Patrick Kane</i>       | <i>Natalia Palomino</i>     | <i>Taylor Wagner</i>         |
| <i>Eliana Condotti</i>      | <i>Alexander Kapusta</i>  | <i>Kevin Pantaleon</i>      | <i>Madeline Walsh</i>        |
| <i>Julia Cozzi</i>          | <i>Morgan Kaspar</i>      | <i>Steven Pav</i>           | <i>Chloe Wesley</i>          |
| <i>Benjamin Cranny</i>      | <i>Crystal Kendzior</i>   | <i>Martin Pavlik</i>        | <i>Emily Wiet</i>            |
| <i>Marie Cusick</i>         | <i>Jianna Keska</i>       | <i>Sofia Perales</i>        | <i>Rose Zarnowiecki</i>      |
| <i>Kelly Czarny</i>         | <i>Mark Kiessling</i>     | <i>Lauren Piskorski</i>     |                              |
| <i>Daisy Davalos</i>        | <i>Michelle Kleidon</i>   | <i>Samuel Rahman</i>        |                              |
| <i>Neil Doherty</i>         | <i>Rhyan Komsthoeft</i>   | <i>James Ramicone</i>       |                              |
| <i>Riley Dominiak</i>       | <i>Jenna Kourafas</i>     | <i>Ulisses Rodriguez</i>    |                              |
| <i>Hannah Eckert</i>        | <i>Alexander Kreczko</i>  | <i>Francesca Rogozinski</i> |                              |
| <i>Gabriel Egert</i>        | <i>Shelby Kruep</i>       | <i>Luke Rohrbacher</i>      |                              |

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## SAINT CLETUS PARISH 2008 CONFIRMANDI

Rebecca Jeanne Ava Adamec  
Edward Carroll Antonietti  
Jaclyn Rae Teresa Baker  
Patrick Dennis Baker  
Megan Lee Baro  
William John Michael Baro  
Katie Lynne Marguerite Bazzoni  
Antonio Martin Cabral  
Brennan Adam Thomas Cherny  
Danielle Marie Mary Crouchelli  
Christine Therese Elizabeth Crowe  
Kerri Anne Czopek  
Ashley Marie Hope Davids  
Paige Nicole Bridget Davids  
Katlyn Dillane  
Mario Juan-Diego Domínguez  
Sarah Kristin Katherine Dyke  
Julie Ann Lorraine Evans  
Jessica Amber Gabriella Findley  
Anthony Arthur Edward Fisher  
Jesús Guillermo Fragoso  
Robert Daniel James Funk  
Annette Krystal Gil  
Margaret Frances Joan Gleich  
Philip Lawrence John Glodek  
Stephen Michael Blase Goethals  
Derek Stefan Hebal  
Ashley Elizabeth Anne Hess  
Kyle Edward Michael Huebner  
Kyle Edward John Hullihan  
Katelyn Marie Jacobs  
Nathan Edward Kendzior  
Marissa Catherine Elizabeth Kinsley  
Lauren Ashley Claire Kocimski

Mark Robert Koehler  
Lauren Leslie Angela Kolbusz  
Mark Charles Edward Koziel  
Julie Catherine Elizabeth Kubiszyn  
Clarice Emily Lang  
Rebecca Allison Judith Lenz  
Robert Eduardo Martinez  
Verónica Elizabeth Mérida  
Rourke William McCollom  
Matthew Edward Patrick McQuillan  
Vincent Connor Mosquera  
Kathryn Morgan Nasenbenny  
Karissa Jayne Elizabeth Pach  
Joel John Gregory Pavlik  
Kevin Anthony Maximilian Pedrigi  
Katherine Lin Mary Poggensee  
James William Provan  
Patrick Kiley Rhode  
Joseph William Rodey  
Noe Simon Rodríguez  
Andrew Angelo Sansone  
Carla Leah Schwendner  
Mary Margaret Loretta Shannon  
Kevin Peter Anthony Smetana  
Colin Patrick Charles Stepuszek  
Jason Karl John Tosheff  
Shelby Renee Lucy Vcelka  
Rosalino Sebastián Velázquez  
Kaitlyn Joy Christina Vranek  
Ronald Michael Giovanni Ward  
Daniel William Wielgos  
Nicholas Joel Ybarra  
Henry Stanley Thomas Zarnowiecki



## A Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners...

Please welcome to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pileggi and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Adam Bissias and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Roderick Bradford, Barbara Christesen, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Condron and Family, Janet Gaudio and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Shifley and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Turza and Family and Mr. & Mrs. Brian Tyrrell and Family. If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

### Youth Ministry...Confirmation 2008

This weekend on Sunday, May 11, at a 12:30 PM Liturgy, our sixty-seven high school candidates celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Paprocki, 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.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Year II Confirmation Advisors who helped prepare our confirmandi. They are: Chuck Cranny, Dawn Dion, Colleen & Jim Hagen, Jean & John McQuillan, and Christine & Chris Tosheff. Also, special thanks to Anne Babirak, our Confirmation reception coordinator, and all of those who assisted in making this day special.

*Amy Cranny*

Director of Youth Ministry



*The St. Cletus Committee for Respect Life Activities* is hosting its **SEVENTEENTH** annual—*Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale*.

Place your baby gifts in the Baskets in the church foyer. Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own Parish community and to Catholic Charities sponsored centers.

Stop by the tables in the foyer to buy your Mother's Day Carnation for only a \$1 donation.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton, Coordinators,  
Committee for Respect Life Activities,  
St. Cletus Parish

### UPCOMING MANNA DATES!

**Mark your calendar!**

MANNA will be available after all Masses next weekend, May 17/18, in the church vestibule. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase.

Any questions? Please call Caryn Dombro (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim (708) 354-4257. This will be the only MANNA during May at the church so remember to fill your order! Thanks for your support!



### BOY SCOUT ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join fellow parishioners and Boys Scouts at their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 18, from 8am to 11:30am, at the American Legion Hall on LaGrange Road.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the door or from a Scout. Contact Assistant Scoutmaster Ariel Valdes at (708) 482-3420 for more information about the **Boy Scout Troop 19 Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, May 18, 2008.**





**AFRICAN WELL FUND UPDATE!**

The final results of our parish Lenten almsgiving project are in...and they are indicative of the ever-present generosity of our parishioners! We will be sending a check for \$14,520 to Africare/African Well Fund. Upon hearing these results, Diane Yoder, our contact at African Well Fund thanked us for our support and wrote: "That is wonderful news! How incredibly generous of your parish." She also reminded us that "In the poorest countries, 1 out of 5 children fails to reach his or her first birthday, mainly due to infectious and environmental diseases that arise from poor water quality." Our contribution will greatly help in continuing efforts to provide safe drinking water to our brothers and sisters in Africa.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Matt Wulff, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Robert Haws, Bernie Kelly, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, 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.

**THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Knowledge, Fortitude, Piety, Fear of the Lord.

**STEWARDSHIP**

There is a wonderful old hymn called "*In the Garden.*" Perhaps you will remember the first verse and the refrain:

*I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. (C. A. Miles 1913)*

We are reminded of Christ's last words: "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mt. 28:20) Christ is indeed our eternal companion. His promise is indeed to walk and talk with us throughout all of our lives; a promise on which we can always rely. When we sincerely decide to be open to Christ's companionship and to live so as to make him proud of us, we will want to show it in our daily living... including our stewardship.

**Prayer:** Stir us up, O Lord, that we may always be ready to do "good works," including acts of stewardship for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

**WEEKLY GIVING SUMMARY**

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| Last Weekend.....                | \$ 28,127   |
| A Year Ago .....                 | 31,822      |
| Sunday Collections thru 05/04/08 | \$1,215,999 |
| Sunday Collections thru 05/06/07 | 1,140,912   |

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Sixth Week in Ordinary Time; Ss. Nereus and Achilles; St. Pancras
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday:** St. Matthias
- Thursday:** St. Isidore

**PARISH STAFF****Rev. Robert Clark***Pastor***Rev. Patrick O'Neill***Associate Pastor***Rev. Charles Watkins***Associate Pastor***Rev. Charles Gallagher***Pastor Emeritus***PASTORAL STAFF****Maria Arias***Director of Hispanic Ministry*

352-4856

**Paulette Bolton***Director of Worship*

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**Amy Cranny***Director of Youth Ministry*

215-5419

**Mary Beth Ford***Director of Social Concerns*

215-5418

**Debbie Lestarczyk***Director of Facilities & Grounds*

215-5405

**Derek Sawicki***Supervisor of Maintenance*

215-5406

**Justin Sisul***Director of Music*

352-4547

**Christopher Wagner***Director of Technology*

215-5420

**Dolores Wouk***Director of Ministry of Care*

215-5407

**SCHOOL STAFF****Jolene Hillgoth***School Principal***Kathy Lifka***Assistant Principal***Denise Parlier***Administrative Assistant*

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF****Patricia Kahl***Director of Religious Education***Mary Lee Krieger***Administrative Assistant*

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**RECTORY STAFF****Bobbie Kallal***Director of Pastoral Services***Michele O'Brien***Director of Financial Operations***Patricia Drobny***Bulletin Editor***Nora Gardner***Rectory Receptionist*

352-6209

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS****Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm****Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm****PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Pastor - Rev. Robert Clark • Associate Pastor - Rev. Patrick O'Neill • Associate Pastor - Rev. Charles Watkins

*Co-Chairpersons:* Anne Babirak, Tom Finucane*Recording Secretary:* Sue Schiller*Vice - Chairperson:* Rita Mayer*Corresponding Secretary:* Lori Ashe*Worship Ministry:* Sue Schiller, Jackie Wiley*Finance Liaison:* Brian Kapusta*Parish Representative:* Joe Bamberger, Lori Ashe*Youth Ministry:* Barb Mitchell, Rita Mayer*Education Ministry:* Anne Babirak, (School)  
Sharon Gleich (Religious Education)*Staff Representative:* Jolene Hillgoth*Development Ministry:* Maggie Nelson, Tom Finucane*Ministry of Care/Compassionate Care Ministry:*  
C. Rodger Brown, Xavier Polanski*Hispanic Ministry:* Tim McCormick, Marynez Llanes,  
Ignacio Saavedra*Social Concerns Ministry:* Maureen Soldat,  
Jim Ryva*Technology Representative:* Julie Lenz**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.****EUCHARISTIC 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](mailto:canticle@stcletusparish.com).**