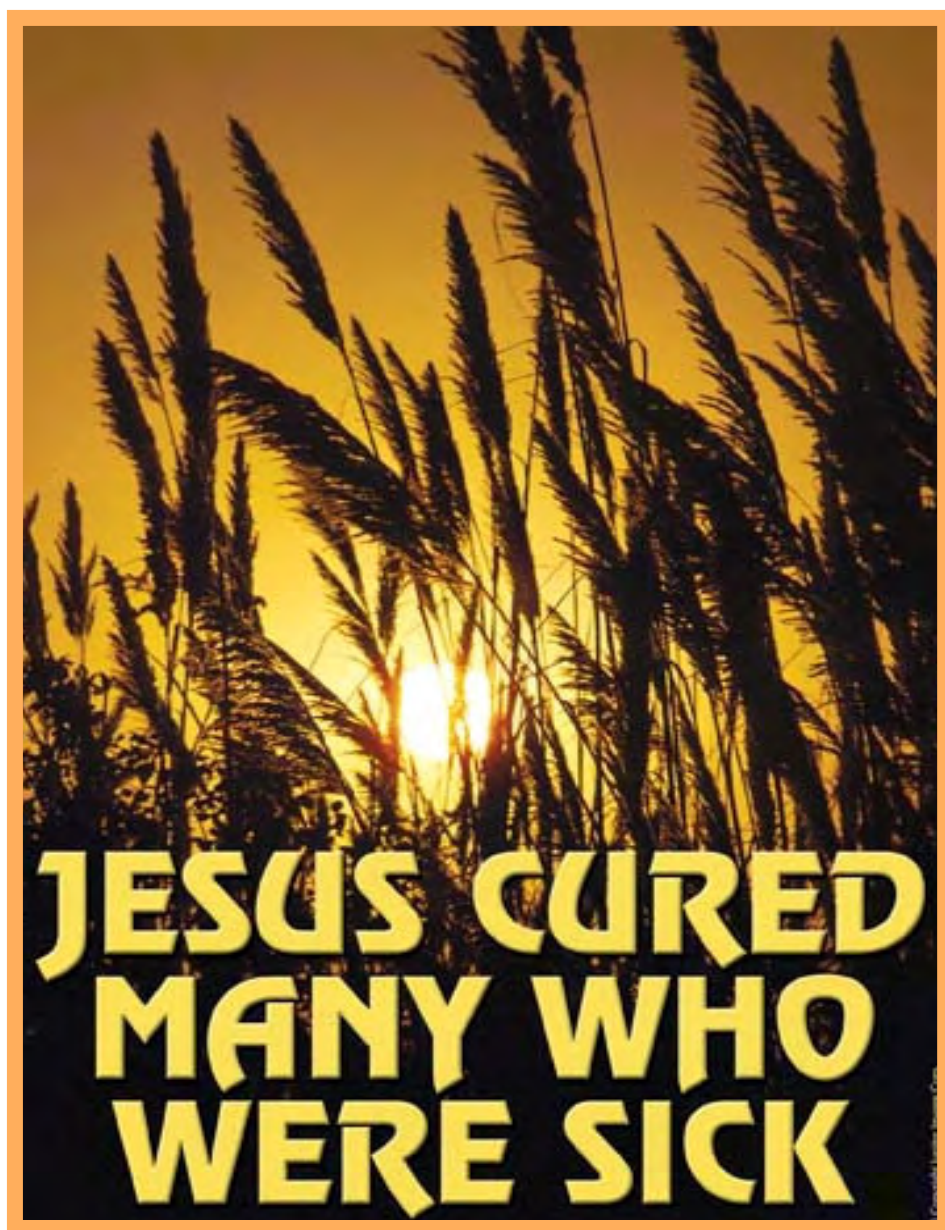


# St. Cletus Canticle

*February 8, 2009*

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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**Mass Intentions for the Week of February 9 - February 15, 2009**

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:00am	Joseph Vieceli
Wednesday	8:00am	People of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00am	Lawrence Vieceli
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Josephine & Anton Kuchta, Erik Geyer, Tom Kigin, Al Cooke
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parish Priest's Intentions Jozef Slowik, Rudy Kegl, Ed Smithy, Jerome Gierut, Ola Maveety (Special Intention)
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Frank Wojcik People of St. Cletus Michael Arpaia, Clare Polanski, Victoria Chojnowski Timothy Benrus, Frank Michalowski People of St. Cletus



AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14/15, 2009					
	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Kalata, M.	Karch, J.	Welch, J.	Bolton, P.	Curnutt, R.
LR	Staelgraeve, M. Demonte, L.	Chlapecka, R.	Duffy, M. Ciraulo, S.	Hagen, K. Schump, C.	Oboikovitz, L. Pisone, M.L.
B2	Kalata, M.	Karch, J.	Welch, J.	Bolton, P.	Curnutt R.
B3	Beales, D.	Smith, D.	Parlier J.	Blecic, D.	Provan, K.
B4	Burke, J.	Thornton, W.	Borsilli, H.	Zupancic, R.	Pavlik, L.
B5	Thuma, M.	Thornton, M.	Biesadecki, C	Benkert, J.	Brannigan, R.
B6	Condon, M.K.	Mezan, M.A.	Martinez, J.A.	DalPorto, K.	Hagen, J.
C1	Hockman, S.		Warren, C.	Meuwissen, J.	Mangahas, A.
C2	Bozec, B.		Kwak, T.	Nolan, J.	Herzog, T.
C3	Beales, N.		Parlier, D.	Rotunno, P.	Provan, J.
C4	Burke, R.		Walsh, M.J.	Chaney, M.	Gebka, M.L.
C5	Sheridan, E.		Biesadecki, B.	Dunkovich, A	Garske, E.
C6	Andrews, D.		Curnutt, R.	Keating-Gay S.	Hagen, C.
Altar Servers	Stanczyk, S. Mrazek, M. Heim, J.		Jacobs, A. McDonnell, B. Franklin, M.	Flannery, K. Flannery, S. Flannery, M.	Grodek, M. Grodek, M. DalPorto, T.



*Please Pray for Our Recently Deceased and Their Families*

- † Florence Bengala,  
Mother of Kathleen Brooks
- † Clare Polanski,  
Aunt of Xavier Polanski
- † Victoria Chojnowski,  
Cousin of Xavier Polanski

*May God Grant Them Eternal Rest. Amen.*

**GET IN THE MOOD FOR LENT**

**ST. CLETUS WILL BE HOLDING  
A BOOK AND RELIGIOUS GOODS  
SALE IN MORRISSEY HALL LOBBY**

**FEBRUARY 21/22  
AFTER ALL THE MASSES  
PLAN TO STOP AND BROWSE FOR  
MATERIALS THAT WILL ENRICH  
YOUR MIND AND SOUL.**

Thank you so much for serving our parish as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Usher. Your skills and training are so valuable and we count on you and look for you at Mass.

Paulette Bolton  
Director of Liturgy

## ***NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...***

### ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*The story of Bernadette of Lourdes always provokes strong feelings about miracles. Some people are positive and faith-filled, others are skeptical. James, a twenty-year-old student who traveled to Lourdes with a group of sick people, was one such skeptic. From time to time he made cynical comments, but he was intrigued by the question of why so many people traveled to Lourdes. The gaudy tourist shops did not help him, but the joy and faith of doctors, nurses, helpers and the sick changed his mind. There was something mysterious about the experience in Lourdes. It deepened his faith in people and God. He returned home having witnessed many small miracles, cures which were inexplicable to modern medicine. They were extraordinary events.*

*Miracles cannot be explained. Words also fail when we try to describe the evil in the world. Popular papers sometimes headline people who do very wrong deeds as “evil” or “possessed”. There is an interest in the demonic in many novels, and some people are tempted to experiment with black magic. When we see a crowd turning violent, or the ferocity of ethnic cleansing, we are not only witnessing the effects of prejudice or hatred. There seems to be something more to it. This “something more” has been associated in different ages with the force of evil, dark principalities and powers or the devil. The reality of evil must be named.*

*To the modern mind, today’s Gospel raises a lot of questions. How do we understand healings and the casting out of devils? The frequency with which these things occur in the gospels shows that Jesus must have been both healer and liberator from evil.*

*To understand the power of God active in the deeds of Jesus, we must recognize all that stands in opposition to good. It comes in many different forms. Some people suffer from sickness and need healing. Others suffer from the evil deeds of those around them and from sin. Sin causes disorder and breaks communion with others. The power of evil is mysterious, but it cannot be denied. However, the Gospel teaches that the power of God is always greater than any other force, whether sin, sickness or evil.*

*Why in the Gospel is it that the devils recognize Jesus? Perhaps because the power of goodness always uncovers evil. It is part of the mystery of Mark’s gospel that the disciples do not fully understand Jesus until after his crucifixion and resurrection. Mark does not want the hearers of the gospel to see Jesus as a magician or wonder-worker. Rather his miracles must be seen in the context of the victory of the cross and resurrection. It is this which reassures us that the power of God is greater than any other force. We have confidence that it can liberate from sin, from suffering and from evil.*

*Modern psychology can lead to a fuller understanding of the human person and the ways in which mental illness is treatable. It can help to overcome the stigma once associated with it, and past associations with possession. On the other hand, we cannot simply reduce evil to psychology or social conditioning. There is another reality, which only God overcomes.*

*God is involved in the healing of sickness, normally through the ordinary means of medicine, but occasionally in extraordinary ways through the miraculous. God is active when people are liberated from oppression through the establishment of justice in society. The power of God can free people from all forms of enslavement, including the mystery of evil – the “something more” which we cannot explain. We have faith that God has triumphed over evil and will overcome all things. Jesus has promised to be with his followers until the end of time*

*Healing Peace of Christ,  
Father Bob*



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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Good intentions

Whenever we begin something, it is always a good idea to start with an intention. Take a few breaths and ask yourself, “What do I intend to get out of this day, this meeting, this work, this experience?” The dictionary defines *intention* as “the act of determining mentally upon some action or result.” In Latin *in-tendere* means “to stretch toward.” One way to think about intention is to ask yourself what you are willing to stretch toward. Then imagine that our compassionate and loving God is also stretching toward you, intending what is best for you. Now you’re praying. Plan to get up 15 minutes early and write your intention for the day.

TODAY’S READINGS: *John 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39*

*“In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.”*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

### Tree cheers for Tu Bishvat

Today in the Jewish calendar is Tu Bishvat (or Tu B’Shevat), the “New Year of the Trees.” Customs include planting trees and eating dried fruits and nuts, especially figs, dates, raisins, carob, and almonds. In Israel the flowering of almond trees around the country coincides with Tu Bishvat, and the holiday is often observed by planting trees or raising money to plant trees. Why not do the same in honor of our call to be good stewards? Visit [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) for green ideas.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56*

*“Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’”*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### FEAST OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

#### How you can get God’s attention

How to be sure God knows our needs? Imitate Saint Scholastica, who knew God can’t resist the prayer of a holy person. Scholastica enjoyed a precious annual visit from her brother, Saint Benedict. At the end of her life Benedict visited as always but was anxious to return home at the appointed time. Scholastica entreated him to stay but he refused. So she literally “prayed up a storm” whose ferocity made travel impossible. “What have you done?” her brother asked. Scholastica answered, “I asked and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen.” Storm heaven with your prayers!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13*

*“God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.”*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

#### Wishing you well

For 150 years visitors to the shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes have believed in the healing power of water that flows from a natural spring there. Closer to home, some parishes commemorate World Day of Prayer for the Sick by asking pastoral care ministers and ministers of Holy Communion to visit the homebound and hospitalized; placing the names of the sick in a special book displayed in church; writing the names of the sick on pieces of paper and asking parishioners to take a name, pray for the person, and send him or her a card. What can you do today?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23*  
*“A stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground.”*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### Unqualified love

There was a time not that long ago when Catholics believed that anyone who wasn’t Catholic was going straight to hell in a handbasket. The Jews during Jesus’ time held similar views toward other religions. Syro-Phoenicians, who were enemies of Israel and didn’t share in the same faith, were, in the minds of Jesus’ disciples, unworthy of God’s help. But Jesus turned that attitude on its head. For Christians, all human life has sacred dignity and is beloved by God, even the lives of our enemies. Stepping up to that truth sometimes requires repentance on our part.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30*

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’”*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### Knowledge vs. wisdom

“Knowledge is power,” said Ben Franklin. The serpent said the same thing to Eve, and she bought it. Although knowledge often does give us access to the corridors of power, it doesn’t guarantee us wisdom. An attribute of God, wisdom is acquired only through the indwelling Holy Spirit. In the Bible knowledge is imagined sometimes as tantalizing fruit dangling from a forbidden tree. Wisdom, however, sets a lavish table at which her guests may dine by accepting her invitation. When faced with the choice between fast and slow food, take the opportunity to savor the meal that lasts to eternity.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37*

*“But the serpent said to the woman, ‘God knows well that the moment you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods.’”*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

### FEAST OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP

#### In their own words

There’s a small detail in the gospel story of how Jesus fed 4,000 people with a few loaves and fish: “Some of them have come from a great distance.” Sounds like a simple piece of common sense—the people were tired and couldn’t travel back without something under their belts. But “great distance” here was a code word for “outsider.” Even outsiders, like Gentiles, were welcome at God’s table.

Eight centuries later the brothers Cyril and Methodius were called out of monastic life to be missionaries. They not only evangelized but also translated scripture and liturgy into the language of the people (which also required them to invent an alphabet), and resisted the insistence of other missionaries that everything be in Latin. These saints recognized that truly welcoming everyone—including outsiders—to God’s kingdom called for moving out of established boundaries and starting with people where they were. And that’s a miracle we, too, can be part of.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10*

*“If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.”*

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A N N U A L

Catholic Appeal

2009

*“...do all for the glory of God.”*

This week, you are asked to review the *Annual Catholic Appeal* brochure that is available in the pews. The theme of the campaign is: **“Do all for the glory of God.” (1 Cor. 10:31)**

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over five months.

**A significant gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.** The Annual Catholic Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Archdiocese of Chicago is no exception.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

### *Prayer of the Faithful*

*“That each of us will give generously to support the work of our Archdiocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal. We pray to the Lord...”*

### **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Maria Arreaga and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Grefenstette and Family, Holly K. Grimm, Mr. & Mrs Daniel Halpin and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Vidas Jameikis and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Martinez and Family and Ruby Mae McCullough.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.



### **Renewal of Marriage Vows on Valentine's Day**

On Saturday, February 14, at the regular 5:00pm Mass, all married couples in attendance will be invited to renew their wedding vows during the liturgy. This special ceremony will take place during Mass, lit by candles and accompanied by a string trio. We look forward to sharing this spiritual moment with all who join us on Valentine's Day.

### **BEGINNING AGAIN**

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.  
-Jules Renard

## *Sacrament of Healing . . . Anointing of the Sick*

The Lord Himself showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded His followers to do likewise. This is clear from the Gospels and above all from the existence of the sacrament of anointing which He instituted and which is made known to us in the *Letter of James*.

This sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick, either chronically or acutely; by this grace the *whole person* is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God, and strengthened against the temptations of the Evil One and against anxiety over illness or death.

### *Those who may receive this sacrament include:*

1. All whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or advancing age.
2. Persons who may be facing surgery or risky medical procedures.
3. Elderly persons who may have become weakened even without any serious illness being present.
4. Sick children so they will be strengthened and helped.



It should be remembered that: *chronic* illness as well as *serious or acute* illness qualifies a person for this sacrament; that those who suffer from *psychological, emotional or mental conditions* may also receive; and importantly, that this sacrament should not be conferred on anyone who remains in open and serious sin. The sacrament should also not be used as a substitute for Reconciliation. It would be appropriate for one to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at another time in addition to the Sacrament of Anointing. This sacrament may be repeated at the discretion of the minister.

*Please join us this Sunday, February 8, at 12:30pm  
for the Mass of Anointing. All are welcome!*



Please remember our sick in your prayers:  
George Tomek, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Patti Boland, Rose Delaloye, Dr. Karen Chermel, Denise Kuchta, Jerry Pietras, Anna Ciszek, Blasé Cinquegrani, Trudy Pacanowski, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Pauline Cuttill, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, 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, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Marie Krolecki. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.



The St. Cletus School 2009 Spring Gala and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at the LaGrange Country Club. All parishioners are invited to join us for this special evening – whether by attending the event, sponsoring the event or making a donation to make the auction a success. All proceeds from the event benefit St. Cletus School. We hope to see you all there! Look for an invitation to the event in an upcoming Canticle.

To help sponsor the evening, please complete the form on the facing page. If you have any questions about the Spring Gala and Auction, please call Co-chair Diane Burke at (708) 352-9773.



# Sponsorship Form

## St. Cletus 2009 Spring Gala and Auction

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| <b>Pissarro Sponsor</b> | _____ \$200  | Name listed in auction book<br>Admittance for 2 (valued at \$150)                               |
| <b>Cézanne Sponsor</b>  | _____ \$500  | Name listed in auction book, 1/4 page ad in auction book<br>Admittance for 4 (valued at \$300)  |
| <b>Renoir Sponsor</b>   | _____ \$1000 | Name listed in auction book, 1/2 ad in auction book<br>Admittance for 6 (valued at \$450)       |
| <b>Monet Sponsor</b>    | _____ \$2500 | Name listed in auction book, full page ad in auction book<br>Admittance for 8 (valued at \$600) |

Sponsorship Agreements are due by March 2, 2009. Make Checks Payable to St. Cletus School.

Please mail sponsorship agreements and payments to:

*St. Cletus – Auction  
700 W. 55th St.  
LaGrange, IL 60525*

Email your black and white ad in PDF or JPG format to Elizabeth Goellner at [lizgoellner@yahoo.com](mailto:lizgoellner@yahoo.com). If you need help creating your ad, please let us know.

**We look forward to seeing you at the 2009 Spring Gala and Auction at the La Grange Country Club. Please provide the names of those who will be attending the auction prior to the event so we can have a packet prepared for them at check-in.**

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We do not plan on attending, please donate our auction admissions back to the school.

Your support of St. Cletus School is sincerely appreciated. St. Cletus is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You will receive confirmation of your tax-deductible contribution for your records.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

**Food Pantry Reminder:** There's still time to donate groceries for our February 12 food distribution. Just bring your in-date non-perishables to Church this week Monday - Wednesday, 7:45 AM – 4:00 PM. Drop them in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada outreach shrine in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Employment Ministry

One of the newest - and very timely- Social Concerns ministries is the Employment Ministry, also known as the Interfaith Career and Networking Group. St. Cletus has joined with neighboring St. John of the Cross and St. Francis Xavier Parishes to provide opportunities to prepare and enable individuals to successfully complete their job search by finding meaningful employment in a timely manner. Recently a Resume Review session took place at St. Cletus, prompting this feedback from one grateful parishioner "...I attended your resume session today and it was just wonderful!!! I came with a good resume and left with a great one. I am very confident now. It was a win win day!" Some upcoming events are:

- **Financial Survival** during a Job Search, including benefit alternatives to COBRA, Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm, St. John of the Cross Parish Center
- How to use **LinkedIn** in your Job Search
- Using the **Internet** in your Job Search

Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at St. John of the Cross, Western Springs. Watch for future announcements in the Canticle.



### St Vincent de Paul Society

*good works*

In almost every country, groups of Christian friends, known as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, work to bring help and hope to persons in need. Active SVDP membership, which entails the regular person to person service of distressed persons, is a universally recommended way of Christian caring. However, not every parishioner is equipped for or attracted to this kind of in-person encounter with suffering. But every parishioner, no matter what his capacities and circumstances can be partnered in SVDP's charitable activities. How? By praying for those in our community who are vulnerable and troubled, and if able, by making a monetary donation to help us help others.

For instance, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade St. Cletus students have taken time to learn about the Society of SVDP and its service to the poor. They are collecting and recycling aluminum cans to raise money to donate to the work of the Society. Thank you, 5<sup>th</sup> graders, for being good stewards of God's Creation while reaching out to those most in need!

*Mary Beth Ford* - Director of Social Concerns



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Jesus' Miraculous Power is bubbling over at Power Lab this summer. Children ages 4-9 are invited to join us in the Lab as we have fun and learn more about Jesus!

The fun begins on Monday, June 22, from 9:00 AM to Noon, in Morrissey Hall and continues all week long. The cost is \$25 per child. Registration information and forms are available in the Religious Education Office and on the Parish Web Site under the Religious Education tab. We are limiting our Lab to 80 students – Don't delay in sending in your forms.

**Needed:** Mad Scientists from 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to 100 years old willing to help our young scientists Explore God's World during the week of June 22, from 9:00am- Noon. Dust off your lab coat and call or email me the RE office at (708) 352-2383. Join us - and have a BLAST! More details will follow.

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education



# Youth Ministry News

**The Rite of Election/Enrollment of Names** for our Year II Confirmation Candidates will take place at the 11:00 AM Mass today, February 8th. 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 teen candidates in your daily prayers.

**Ski Trip:** Just a reminder for those teens who have signed up for the ski trip, we will be leaving this Friday, February 13, at 6:15pm from St. Francis Xavier's parking lot. We will return on Saturday morning at about 9:00am to St. Cletus's parking lot. Looking forward to a fun trip!

**Year II Confirmation Candidates...** Please remember to turn in your permission slips for our overnight retreat on February 21-22. If you've lost them, they can be retrieved online at [www.stcletusparish.com](http://www.stcletusparish.com) under the Youth Ministry icon. Thanks!

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Director

## UPCOMING DATES FOR MANNA CASH & CARRY

MANNA will be available after Masses in the church vestibule **THIS WEEKEND** February 7/8. MANNA will also be available after all Masses the weekend of February 21/22. MANNA makes a great Valentine's gift for your 'Sweetheart!' Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 with any questions or concerns.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."*  
Mark 1:35-38

Through today's gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.

### Weekly Giving Summary

Sunday Collection, February 1 .....\$ 26,628  
Last Year ..... \$ 33,214

**Total Collection:**

Year-to-Date..... \$824,827  
Previous Year-to-Date..... \$861,262

**Needed** for Budget thru 2/01/09..... \$878,075

*"Always seek to do good to one another and to all."  
(11 Thessalonians 5:14)*

*St. Cletus would be grateful  
if you would consider remembering  
the parish in your estate planning.  
Thank you.*



## SPAGHETTI DINNER

Start your Valentine's Weekend by joining us at our Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, February 13. Entertainment will be provided by Dan Hampton. We will start serving dinner at 4:00PM at the Robert E. Coulter Jr. American Legion Post located at 900 S. La Grange Road in La Grange. Dinners: \$6/Adults - \$3/Children ages 4-12. Children under 4 are free. After 5:00pm, additional parking is available at the dentist's office south of our parking lot. Carry-out dinners are available.

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11:00am, (6:00pm Spanish)

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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.

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Please contact the Ministry of Care office (215-5407).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

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

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