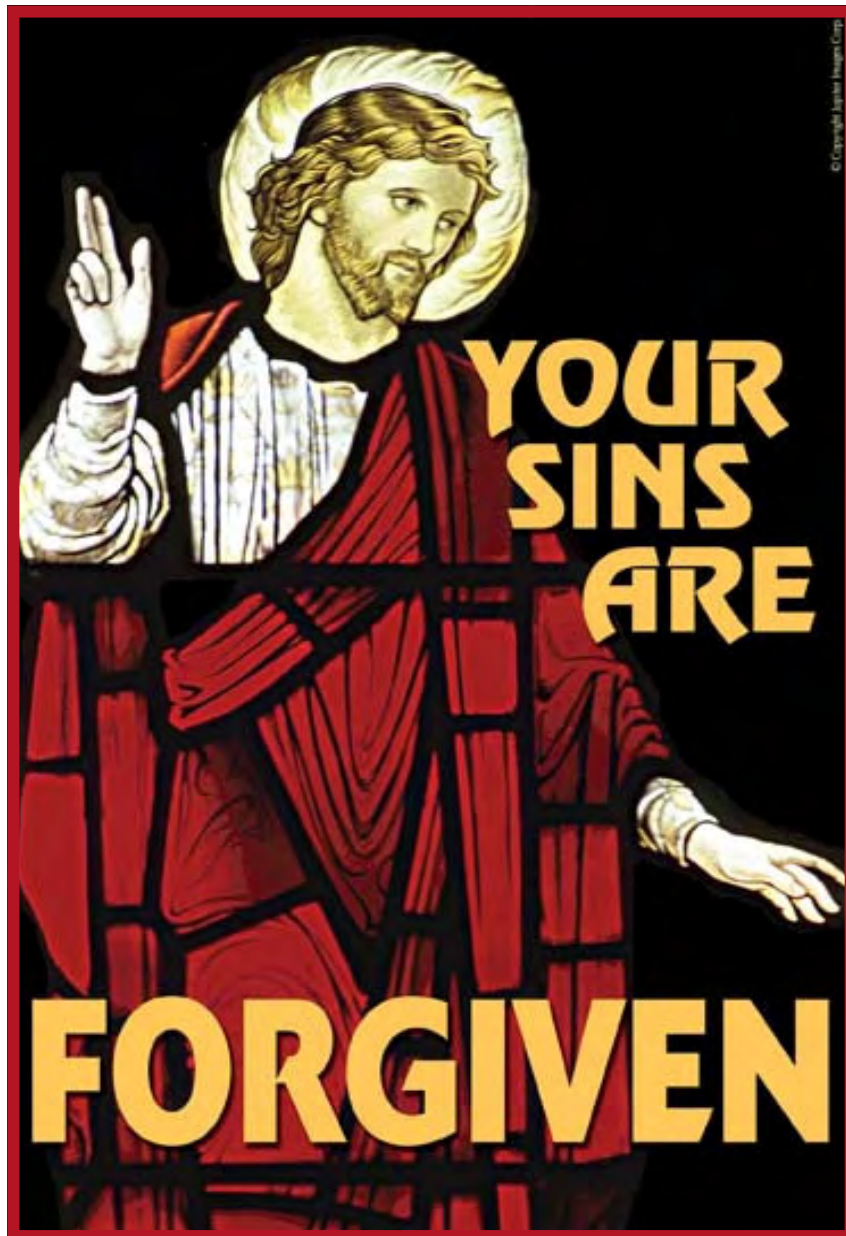


# St. Cletus Canticle

*February 22, 2009*

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*




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**Mass Intentions for the Week of February 23 - March 1, 2009**

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Marcie Johnston, Jerry Skillen
Tuesday	8:00am	Michael & Barbara Maly, Joseph Romanowski
 ASH Wednesday	8:00am	Timothy Benrus, Sandy & John Fisher, John Partacz See schedule on Page #5 for Mass Times/Ashes Distribution
Thursday	8:00am	Ann Gallimore, Johnston Family
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Nicholas Murphy
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Parish Priests' Intentions Donna Czwierwinski, Rudy Kegl, John Partacz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Linda Felice, William P. Burns People of St. Cletus Edward D. Novick, Frank Reynolds Timothy Benrus, John O'Brien Gelderman, Eva Matheke Missionaries of St. Charles



**AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE  
WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1, 2009**

	5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Wouk, D.	Zmuda, R.	Welch, J.	Koch, B.	Bolton, P.
LR	Augustine, E. Demonte, L.	Chlapecka, T.	Szabelski, R. Duffy, M.	McMahon, H. McGann, B.	Pisone, M.L. Bolton, W.
B2	Wouk, D.	Zmuda, R.	Welch, J.	Koch, B.	Bolton, P.
B3	Malcak, L.	Zmuda, L.	Parlier, D.	Kelliher, K.	Mangahas, A.
B4	Burke, R.	Smith, D.	Severino, L.	Dillane, J.	Hoskins, C.
B5	Beales, D.	Micek, J.	Warren, C.	DalPorto, K.	Garske, E.
B6	Ryva, J.	Ciraulo, S.	Kwak, T.	Meuwissen, J.	Augustyn, R.
C1	Okkema, A.		Dalsin, P.	Hullinger, S.	Fisher, H.
C2	Bozec, B.		Kigin, B.	Schump, C.	Pavlik, L.
C3	Bamberger, M		Parlier, J.	Kelliher, L.	Herzog, T.
C4	Burke, J.		Welch, J.	Blecic, D.	Nilles, C.
C5	Beales, N.		Ward, L.	McGann, K.	Condon, M.K.
C6	Hockman, S.		Martinez, J.	Wiley, J.	Rotunno, P.
Altar Servers	Roll, C. Roll, D. Callahan, K.	Cherny, D. Figura, M. Garvey, S.	Pusatara, S. Wuerl, K. Rhode, J.	Oboikovitz, C Nelson, J. Stepuszek, B.	Pikul, K. Pristo, J. Muldonado, N.

*Please Pray for Our Deceased  
and Their Families*



*Edna Borgman,*  
Mother of Karen Frisbie

*Emilo P. Molinari,*  
Husband of Inez and  
Father of Elaine Burke

*Gerald J. Staten,*  
Brother of Ronald F. Staten

*May God grant them eternal rest.  
Amen.*

**Baptisms**

*Please Welcome to Our  
Parish Family...*

*Griffin Lyman Broderick,*  
Son of Chris & Debra (Lyman) Broderick

**NOTE: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION,  
LECTORS & SERVICE MINISTERS...PLEASE REFER TO  
YOUR SCHEDULES FOR ALL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES.**

*Paulette Bolton*  
Director of Liturgy

**BOOK SALE & RELIGIOUS GIFTS**

Please stop by the school kindergarten room,  
right next to church, this weekend. Books  
and religious gifts are available - a great way  
to get in the spirit of Lent.

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

### *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*In Mark's gospel Jesus finds himself in situations of conflict right from the beginning of his public life. In each case he is seen to be challenging people's assumptions. If tradition holds that certain powers are reserved to God, he puts himself forward as holding those same powers. And his actions back up his claims. In this first story the scribes put forward the traditional view. Jesus forgives the paralytic his sins, but the power to forgive sins belongs to God alone. Jesus could have healed the paralytic and sent him on his way, and everyone would have been pleased.*

*Instead, Jesus forgives the paralytic's sins. We do not know what these sins are. We do know from elsewhere in the gospels that Jesus does not accept the traditional idea that suffering is punishment for sin, so his aim is not to confirm that belief. Instead he uses the physical healing as confirmation of his greater power to forgive sin. There is a touch of the sacramental in his action, the physical healing being an outward sign of the inner grace that has transformed the inner man. Jesus acts not in response to the faith of the suffering individual but the faith of those who brought him. The faith of the community can bring about the healing of a member in need. We are asked to consider ourselves not as fragmented and isolated but as whole (and wholesome) individuals within a community. What Jesus is really confronting is the mindset that creates both inner and outer loneliness.*

*The involvement of others in our brokenness and healing is made explicit for Christ's followers in the business of prayer. We pray constantly for those who are ill, and the prayer is for healing. It is also for God's will to be done, for we do not know his ultimate intention. Because of the ultimate mystery of salvation expressed in Christ's own death and resurrection, each Christian believes that neither suffering nor death is the end of the story. They are the events through which each of us learns the meaning of our individual story and how that story re-enacts and represents the divine mystery first enacted by Christ. It is difficult to bring our belief to bear on life's woes if we have little real sense of God living through us with his love. His forgiveness of our sin, the binding of us to himself in love, is the necessary prerequisite to our positive understanding and living out of our suffering. Without the ability to see this link we tend to become lost in our fragmentation and isolation. "Why me?" is the refrain which expresses our confusion about ourselves and our envy of those who are not suffering. This in turn blocks our freedom to bring God's own understanding and love to our situation. We tend to feel overwhelmed and even desperate. The prayer and companionship of others is then the essential means to finding that inner wholeness we so much need.*

### **LENT BEGINS - ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Lent begins this coming Wednesday. It is a time of fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and reflection as we journey through this holy season. Let us begin this journey of faith this Wednesday by attending one of the many opportunities to pray together as a people of God. Please check this week's Canticle for the times of all our ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES. May our Lenten Journey be one that brings us closer to the God who loves us without condition.*

*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 22, 2009

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### Something old, something new

We have—probably appropriately—mixed feelings about new versus old, stability versus change. Consider on the one hand those who, 40 years later, still complain about “all those changes” in the church, and on the other hand those who blanch at the church’s reluctance to embrace, say, a married priesthood. In Isaiah 43, God clearly speaks up for change, but not mere novelty. It is God’s desire to let go, indeed to forget, the wasteland of our sins, the deserts of our folly. God strikes a humanlike pose insisting that God is fatigued by our holding on to the old, perhaps the precious silliness that we can work out our own salvation. We cannot. We did not. God, for God’s own sake, remembers our sins no more. That is a change we can all embrace.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12*

*“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing.”*

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

#### FEAST OF POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

##### Faith creates the future

A passage from Philippians says that, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (4:13). Faith in God and communion with God in Christ unites us so closely with the Creator that God creates a future to accommodate our faith. God’s creative power is without limit and God’s love for us is infinite. Trusting in God we can literally accomplish anything. Saint Polycarp (d. c. 155 A.D.) was so convinced of the power of faith that he chose death rather than renounce his belief. We make the same choice every day when we opt for hope rather than despair.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29*

*“All things can be done for the one who believes.”*

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

#### SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS

##### Give your body a rest

“Carnival” ends today, and tomorrow our time of attentiveness to spiritual matters begins. Being in the world and then removing ourselves for a time from the world are all part of the process of building God’s reign. Flesh and spirit are essential elements in Christian discipleship, as are justice and mercy and intimacy and awe. Knowing how to appropriately weave these elements in our daily lives is the role of wisdom. Use Lent as a time to give your full attention to prayer, spiritual reading, and devotional practices. Ultimately your body and soul will be the stronger and wiser for it.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37*

*“You who fear the Lord, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy.”*

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

#### ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

##### Out and about

With the beginning of Lent—or at least this standing on the “front porch” of Lent between today and next Sunday—we might tend to look inward, to focus on prayer and repentance, on resetting our interior compass in more God-ward directions. But the three traditional practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, almsgiving (which work all year round, by the way)—point us out as much as in. We pray for both ourselves and others. We fast to clear our lives of what prevents us

from seeing God in others and the world. And we learn to show more generosity to those around us. So this year don’t let yourself get Lenten cabin fever.

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*“We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.”*

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

#### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

##### How to choose life

Choosing life over death seems like a no-brainer—instinctive, natural, wholesome. Yet, our culture, with its emphasis on escaping pain at all costs, can easily lead to emotional, spiritual, and physical death. Don’t want to face the humiliation of asking for forgiveness? Cut off your relationship with a loved one. Don’t want to be hurt by anyone? Close the door on intimacy. Don’t want to feel the pain of loss, confusion, or failure? Numb yourself with alcohol or drugs. Don’t want to deal with an unexpected pregnancy? Destroy the fetus. Don’t want to negotiate with your enemies? Bomb them into oblivion. Our faith offers a different strategy. It’s called love. Try loving yourself, others, and God just a little bit more to get you past the pain.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25*

*“Moses said to the people: ‘Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom.’”*

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

#### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

##### The meat of the matter

Of the three disciplines of Lent—fasting, prayer, and charitable giving—it is certainly fasting and abstinence that got our attention back in the day. You could end up in hell for chomping a hotdog on a Friday, no questions asked. We’re still bound to observe the days of fasting and abstinence during Lent. But the prophet Isaiah reminds us to see fasting as a change of attitude about the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed. By repenting of our pursuit of comfort and turning our resources to the service of the needy, we help to “fulfill” the Lenten obligation to fast and abstain.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15*

*“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?”*

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

#### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

##### I heal homes

While, for most Americans, working has as its goal the creation of a stable home, more often than not it becomes the main hindrance to people’s coming together as a family. Making money often seems more important than the life and family income is meant to support. But, with the high cost of stability in America today, the majority of families find two incomes are needed simply to stay afloat, leaving many children lacking the presence and influence of their parents for much of their lives. We are called today by Isaiah to be rebuilders of our household. That, of course, begins at the home. This week try to hold at least one gathering within your home.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32*

*“Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations.”*

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Year of St. Paul:  
Journey of  
Transformation

*Serve  
one another  
through  
Love*

# Lent 2009

## PARISH MISSION

**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
7 p.m. Fr. Rusty Shaughnessey  
**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
7 p.m. Reconciliation  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7 p.m. Mass

**February 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Get in the Mood for Lent  
Book and Religious Goods Sale  
after all Masses in the School  
Kindergarten Room

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Ash Wednesday  
3:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
Masses: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m.,  
9 a.m. (School Mass), 6:30 p.m.,  
7:40 p.m. (in Spanish)

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
7 p.m. Bible Classes in Spanish  
all Fridays of Lent in Room 200

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass  
6:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
Benediction will follow

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
7 p.m. Taize Prayer Service

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
2 p.m. School Stations of the Cross  
all Fridays of Lent

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
7 p.m. Taize Prayer Service

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> or March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 p.m. Soup Night in  
Morrissey Hall, date and details  
coming soon

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
7 p.m. Mary's Way of the Cross

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass  
6:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
Benediction will follow

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Holy Thursday  
2 p.m. School Prayer Service  
7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
followed by Silent Adoration until 11 p.m.  
7 p.m. Mass (in Spanish) in Morrissey Hall

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Good Friday  
8:30 a.m. Living Stations of The Cross,  
Via Crucis, in the parking lot  
12 p.m. "Last Words"/Las Siete Palabras  
a bilingual reflection on the Last Words  
of Jesus in Morrissey Hall  
3 p.m. Adoration of the Cross/Adoración  
de la Cruz (in Spanish) in Morrissey Hall  
3 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
enacted by Confirmation Candidates

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
12 p.m. Blessing of Food Baskets in  
Morrissey Hall  
7 p.m. Easter Vigil  
7 p.m. Easter Vigil (in Spanish)  
in Morrissey Hall

## GOSPEL OF MARK SCRIPTURE STUDY


**FEBRUARY 25 IS ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent 2009. You are invited to spend quality time, especially this Lent, paying closer attention and praying the Gospel of Mark. Let this Gospel find an openness in you so that it can enter into you and guide you on your Lenten journey.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, immediately following the 8:00AM Mass there will be a Bible Study Group meeting in Room 201 in the Education Building to reflect on and study the Gospel of Mark. We will meet until 10:00AM. It will continue on Thursday mornings, March 12, 19, and 26 at the same time.

If you feel you know very little about scripture or are a seasoned Scripture student please join us. It will be informative, reflective, straightforward and simple, reflecting Mark's style. No previous knowledge or experience is necessary - we all need to continuously reflect on God's Word together. Please bring a Bible or at least the New Testament with you. We will have a couple to loan during the meeting time, but is always better to have your own copy. You can also find Mark's Gospel online.

**IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST SESSION ON FEBRUARY 25, please read the beginning of Mark's Gospel up to chapter 3: verse 6.**

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE (708-352-6209) TO REGISTER**



Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 25, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at all Liturgies. Our Mass schedule is 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:00am (School Mass), 6:30pm, 7:40pm (Spanish). A Prayer Service will be held at 3:30pm.



### ASH WEDNESDAY...

#### DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE - Out and about

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#### BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter



**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14-years-old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by all this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to ones needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



**PARISH ALMSGIVING PROJECT**

As part of our faith community’s Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn and give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. Next weekend rice bowls will be distributed at all the Masses. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. Filled bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday.

Where does the money go? Your prayers, sacrifices and generous donations help people in communities around the world and here in the United States:

- 75% of your contributions to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services’ development projects overseas and education activities in the US.
- 25% of your contributions remain in our diocese to fund local hunger and poverty alleviation programs.

Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) to learn how your Rice Bowl contributions are used to help those in need around the world and here at home.

*Mary Beth Ford*  
Director of Social Concerns

**Welcome Sunday  
Next Weekend**

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, February 28/March 1, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by, say hello, and become members.

**YOUTH MINISTRY...**

This weekend, our 90 Year II candidates who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation are on an overnight retreat. Please keep them in your prayers, that they may grow closer to the Holy Spirit as they journey in their faith. Thank you for your support!

*Amy Cranny*  
Youth Director

**CCM WISH LIST**

The Compassionate Care Ministry is in need of *Forever* postage stamps and baskets about 10” in diameter. Please, no seasonal baskets. We put Care baskets together for our bereaved families.

**DO YOU ENJOY RUBBER STAMPING?**

Come join our group and help make cards that get mailed to our bereaved families. No experience necessary...we’ll teach you how!

For information, contact Rita Pawlowicz at (708) 839-0848 or email [ritapawl@yahoo.com](mailto:ritapawl@yahoo.com).

**MANNA THIS WEEKEND!**

MANNA will be available after all Masses this weekend, February 21/22, in the church vestibule. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table the day of purchase. Any questions, call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Don't Forget... **WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!**

Interfaith Community Partners, a network of trained volunteers from 13 local churches, help 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 (708) 579-8929.

### Food Pantry Reminder

We are now restocking our pantry shelves as we prepare for next month's food distribution. It's as easy as 1-2-3 to help out:

1. When you go to the grocery store this week, just pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry.
2. Choose something from our list of staples and extras: Rice, dry pinto beans, tuna, jelly, (at this time we do not have any of these first four items on our shelves), canned fruit, meals in a can/box, pasta & pasta sauce, canned vegetables, peanut butter, boxed side dishes, cereal, crackers, coffee, juice, tea, evaporated or powdered milk, paper goods, diapers.

**OF COURSE, ALL IN-DATE NON-PERISHABLES ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.**

3. Drop off your donations in the designated food bins located in the Madonna della Strada shrine area in the vestibule of the Church when you come to Mass this weekend, or on weekdays from 7:45AM-4:00PM.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for adding St. Cletus Food Pantry items to your regular shopping list!!!

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fact

Being faithful to the spirit of its founders, the work of the Society constantly strives for renewal, adapting to changing world conditions. It seeks to be ever aware of the new types of poverty that may be identified or anticipated. The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions.

*Mary Beth Ford*

Director of Social Concerns



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Ronald Novotny, Bob Reichl, Therese Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, 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. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.





**Hey Boys and Girls, Moms & Dads,** we're back for our Year 3 of Bible School. Another Great Bible School Adventure Week begins on June 22, from 9:00am - Noon. This year, we will go on adventures at Bible Blast, make crazy creations in Wacky Works Crafts, race at Hyperspeed Games, and of course visit with our friend, Chadder. Registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office or on-line. For more details or information, call the RE office at (708) 352-2383 and Holly or I can help you. Start your summer off with a BANG!

**Needed** - Mad scientists from 6th Grade to 100 years-old willing to help our young scientists Explore God's World during the week of June 22, 9:00am until Noon. Dust off your lab coat and call or e-mail me in the RE office. Join us - and have a BLAST! More details will follow.

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

**STEWARDSHIP**

*"He rose picked up his mat at once and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God saying, "We have never seen anything like this." - Mark 2:12*

Have you taken any time lately to think about how truly good God has been to you? He may not have to cure your paralysis if He has already given you the gift of mobility. But do we glorify and thank Him for such simple gifts as sight, and speech, and general health? Do we give back to God in proportion to all the many blessings He has given to us?

**Weekly Giving Summary**

Sunday Collection, February 15.....	\$ 21,472
Last Year .....	\$ 23,083
<b>Total Collection:</b>	
Year-to-Date.....	\$875,812
Previous Year-to-Date.....	\$910,982
<b>Needed for Budget thru 2/15/09.....</b>	<b>\$934,725</b>

**MEMORIALS ARE TRIBUTES**

We are all given but a few years on God's earth to "build up the kingdom." Sharing your blessings through a Memorial Gift in honor of someone special will make this world just a little better. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity to each and every one of us.

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



Please remember to clip and save box tops from participating General Mills products. Please drop them off in the box in the Minister's Room in Church. Thank You.



**The Grief Recovery Outreach Program**

An in depth, ten-week program to help move beyond the pain of loss in a safe environment is being offered at The Well, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, on Mondays starting March 2 through May 4 from 7-9 p.m. Cecilia Kaiser, MS, is facilitating the program. The ten session fee is \$160. Call Cecilia at 708-528-0200 for more information. To register go to [www.csithewell.org](http://www.csithewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; George Washington's Birthday
Monday:	St. Polycarp; Orthodox Clean Monday
Tuesday:	Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday:	Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving
Friday:	Abstinence

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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).

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

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

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**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).

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

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