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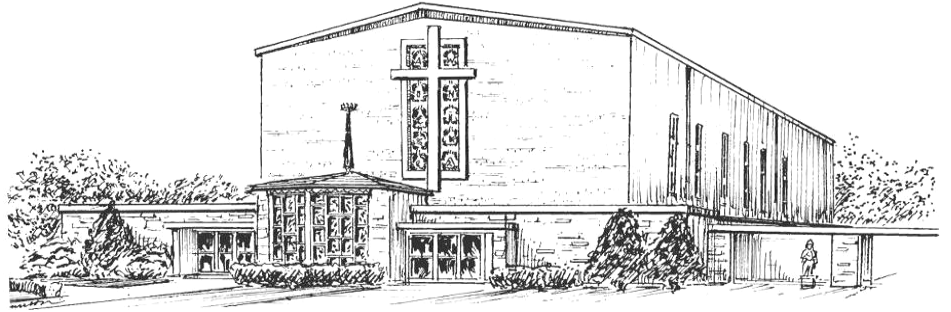
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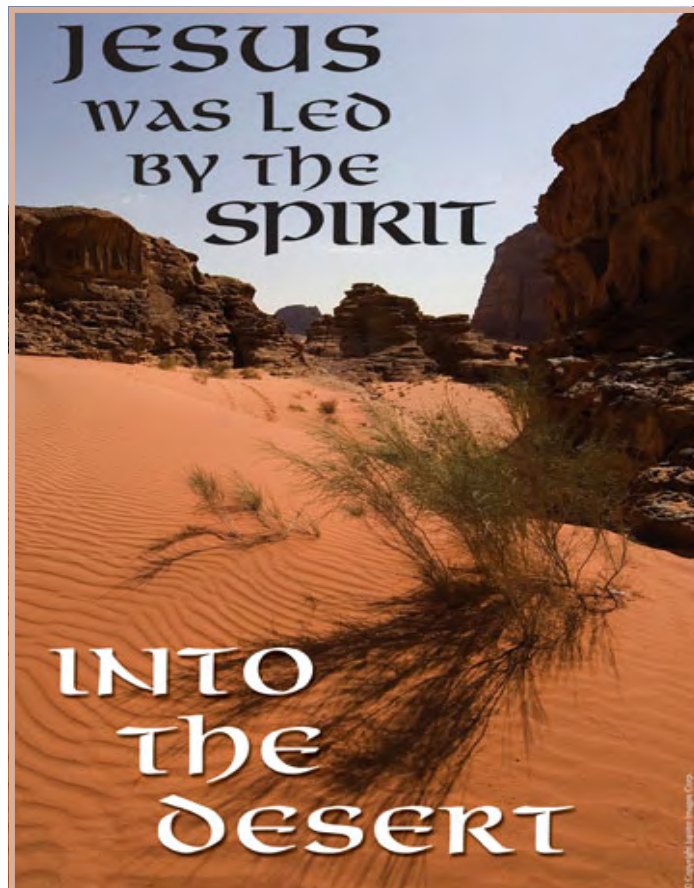
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February 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent



All are welcome.
Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of February 22 - February 28, 2010

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Wally Sularski
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Sandy & John Fisher, Rose Acevedo
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Della Boss
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory Jacob Curby, Mary Bernice McDonnell, Rose Delaloye
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus Phyllis Prevenas Alice Vonesh Ann Schorn, John Paul Morrissey, Timothy Benrus Parishioners of St. Cletus



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Mike Lotito, Harry Fisher, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Therese Wess, Scott May, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, and Ruth Calandriello. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.

Please pray for those who have died and their families



John Burke,
brother of Robert

George Joseph Simonelic,
father of Mildred Odorowski

Paul L. Budvitis,
husband of Felicia

**May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
Amen.**



CAPTURE THE LENTEN SPIRIT IN PRAYER AND ATTEND THE FOLLOWING LENTEN SERVICES

There will be a 6:45 P.M. Mass *every Wednesday* throughout Lent...

- Friday, March 5 Mary's Stations of the Cross
7:00 P.M. Church
- Friday, March 12 Taize Prayer
7:00 P.M. Church
- Friday, March 19 Soup supper and Movie
6:30 P.M. Morrissey Hall
- Friday, March 26 Stations of the Cross
7:00 P.M. Church

There will also be a Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 22, 7:00 P.M.

Little Black Books — Daily Lenten Reflections are available in the vestibule.



WE WELCOME THESE CHILDREN INTO GOD'S FAMILY...

JACKSON DAVID FLICKINGER,
son of Matthew & Tina Marie (Chmelecki) Flickinger

NICOLE ALEXA PINON,
daughter of Israel & Jenny Arlette (Guzmán) Pinon

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2010

ON GOD'S TERMS

Temptation is a part of life. Because we are human, we are subject to various temptations, some of which can be subtle and even appear as good and desirable ends in themselves. Jesus, too, was tempted. That fact should reassure us. What can we learn from him?

The Deuteronomy reading was originally part of the Jewish festival of First Fruits. It contains one of the most important creedal formularies of the law. The offering of the first fruits of the harvest acknowledged God's supremacy over creation; the land and its produce were gifts of God. Moses solemnly declares the saving events which constitute Israel's history: its humble origins, its deliverance from Egypt, and the giving of the Promised Land. Luke's account of the Lord's temptation in the desert contains many elements which connect Jesus to the history of God's chosen people. The wilderness was not an inviting place. In it, Jesus, like Israel, was tested. However, unlike the people, Jesus did not fail his test. His forty days in the wilderness also evoke Israel's years of desert wandering. The identity of the people was shaped by their desert sojourn just as Jesus' messianic identity was shaped by his desert experience. In the second reading, the apostle Paul emphasizes the centrality of Christ in the plan of salvation and the need to accept the Gospel in order to receive God's free gift of redemption.

The temptations of Jesus are the same ones we face when we are inclined to believe that we are in control. The goals of the temptations are praiseworthy—feeding the hungry, subjecting the world to good, trusting in God's power to protect us from evil. But to accomplish these, writes Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA, "We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favorably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian ON OUR OWN." Lent is a time to "let God be God" and open ourselves, as Jesus did, to the Spirit's guiding and preserving influence in our lives.

Let us strive, with God's grace, this Lent to avoid the temptation of always being in control and allow the work of God to flow through us on His terms. These next forty days are a perfect opportunity for each of us to recognize and experience the Spirit of God that dwells within us and allow it to work through us freely.

Have a Spirit and grace filled Lent,

*Fr. Bob
Pastor*



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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

These 40 days

Fasting for a day can seem an eternity. Imagine doing so for 40! To say Jesus was “famished” at the end of that time is an understatement. Some of us use that phrase to describe how we feel when dinner is late. The lessons Jesus learned in the wilderness stayed with him throughout his ministry. He knew keenly and personally how hunger makes us weak and susceptible to temptation. Is that why he chose the eucharistic feast to share his presence with us? Fast on Fridays. Feast every day.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13*

“He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.”

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE

Thou art Peter

The church celebrates a couple of feast days for buildings, but today is the only one dedicated to a piece of furniture! Of course the “chair” of Peter is a symbol of the pope’s authority, much like a “chairperson” has charge of a meeting. Peter and his successors, the popes, ensure the unity of the church. Because the pope is the “rock” of Matthew’s gospel, it is he who affirms what is believed. He holds the “keys to the kingdom” in that he teaches the world the way of life that leads to fulfillment.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19*
“You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FEAST OF POLYCARP, BISHOP, MARTYR

Living memory

We can be sure that the practice of venerating the relics of saints began very early in the church. The first evidence for it comes from a letter dated around 150 A.D. concerning the martyrdom of Polycarp. The letter relates that following Polycarp’s execution the Romans refused the Christians his body, deciding rather to burn it. The Christians then gathered together his bones, “being more precious than the most exquisite jewels, and more purified than gold.” They put these bones in a place of distinction where they would gather together and revere them, especially on the anniversary of Polycarp’s martyrdom. Remember the sacrifices of Christian martyrs and give yourself wholeheartedly to a life of faith.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15*
“My word . . . shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The sign of Jonah

Jesus comparing himself to Jonah may sound a little mysterious to modern ears, but his original audience would have known what he was talking about pretty quickly. You remember Jonah, don’t you? Rescued by God from the belly of a great fish after three days and nights (sound familiar?). Sent by God to read the riot act to the wicked city of Nineveh. Walked around the place crying, “Forty days more, and Nineveh will be overthrown!”—and lo and behold everyone from the king on

down repented as fast as they could, and God decided to spare them. Jonah was so spectacularly successful that he got mad—wasn’t this supposed to be harder? Like Jonah, Jesus calls his hearers to change their lives and return to God. Lent could not have a better goal.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32*
“The people of Nineveh believed God.”

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

LENTEN WEEKDAY

As good as gold

The Golden Rule of “do unto others,” the ethic of reciprocity Jesus summarizes in the gospel, shows up in one form or another in many cultures and religious traditions. Perhaps that happens because it seems to be such a logical and self-evident truth—who among us does not wish to be treated with respect, fairness, dignity, and kindness? Why, then, is it so hard at times to do the same for others? Evidence, perhaps, that each of us is a work in progress. Pray for a generous heart today.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12*
“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Beyond the law

Jesus was a master at turning ideas upside-down and inviting folks to see things from a new perspective. His teaching on reconciliation is a good example. People knew that they should follow the law “you shall not kill.” But Jesus took it further. He urged people to do more than follow laws in order to be free. He urged them to heal divisions, to reconcile with one another so as not to be held captive by anger or vengeance. That can be a very challenging thing to do. It requires us to face the hurt or bad feelings that we have and move forward in our relationships, finding healing and freedom. Consider your own relationships and ask God for the grace to right a broken one.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26*
“If . . . your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled.”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Honk if you love your enemies

Surely Jesus’ most radical command is to love our enemies. But exactly how are we supposed to do that? One way to begin is by learning from the example of others. A man was waiting in his car at the window of a drive-up Starbucks. His order was taking some time and eventually the person behind him began impatiently blowing his horn. Instead of becoming angry himself, the first man paid for the second one’s drink and drove away. With this profoundly simple but powerful act he set off a chain reaction that lasted the entire day. Today may we pray to offer a loving response to anyone who tries to cause us grief.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48*
“For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?”

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SAINT CLETUS FINE ARTS SERIES



Flute Music from Around the World

A recital given by Kathleen Cirese-Kress

WHEN

Saturday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE

St. Cletus Church

600 W. 55th St., La Grange, IL 60525

FEATURED MUSICIANS

Justin Sisul, piano

Carolyn May, flute

Ed Ashe, guitar

The St. Cletus Fine Arts Series was created in 2009 to present high quality musical performances outside of the liturgical setting. This performance will be presented free of charge. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Fine Arts Series

First Week of Lent - Jesus' Temptation

In Luke's story of the temptations of Jesus we see how we can be tempted by wealth, power, and esteem just as He was. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things. It calls us to focus on our faith by living it in deeper ways. One way to live our faith more deeply is to join our faith community in participating in Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Service's Lenten program.

Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl ensures that Catholic Relief Services can continue to give assistance to the needy in more than 100 countries. Seventy-five percent of your gifts will go to CRS to help provide necessities for children in Lesotho who have lost parents from AIDS, farmers in Bolivia receive training to improve crop yields, children in Afghanistan gain more opportunities for quality education, communities in Ethiopia access reliable water sources even during times of drought, and fund many other vital projects. Twenty-five percent of your gifts remain in our diocese and support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.



Be sure to pick up a Rice Bowl as you leave Church today. Included is an activity/reflection calendar, which will enhance your Lenten observations at home. Filled bowls can be returned to Church by Palm Sunday. Thank you.

Do you know...

- Lesotho is a country that is entirely surrounded by South Africa. The population of Lesotho is 1.8 million. 68% of the population lives in poverty. The presence of HIV and AIDS have left many children orphans.
- Catholic Relief Services, with the help of several other organizations, started the Mountain Orphans and Vulnerable children's Empowerment project (MOVE). MOVE helps children who have lost parents from AIDS, by providing education and training opportunities, nutritional support and healthcare. Visit orb.crs.org to learn more about CRS work in Lesotha.

Catholic Social Teaching focus this week is **Option for the Poor**: As a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most vulnerable members of society.

SOCIAL CONCERNS



Thank you for continuing to add items for the Food Pantry to your grocery shopping list. Presently our shelves are most in need of cereal, pasta, tomatoes, meals in a can/box, boxed side dishes, canned fruit, paper goods, juice, coffee, and diapers. We greatly appreciate **all** in-date donations. A special thank you to parishioner, Josh Will, for a job well done on his Eagle Project, which was to provide detergent/fabric softener to our February food pantry clients...a much appreciated "extra"!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns Ministry

Thank You!! Thank You!! Thank You!!

Greetings St. Cletus Parishioners,

My laundry detergent drive was a huge success thanks to all of your generous donations. Together we have collected enough laundry products to help over 250 families. We were able to collect nearly double what I projected. I had the pleasure of speaking to many of you and discussing the details of my project. Your encouraging words were very kind and made me feel very proud that I could help my community in this way. Thanks again for helping me with my Eagle Leadership Project and supporting the St. Cletus Food Pantry.

Joshua Will
Troop 216



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Cletus School offers a full-day preschool as well as 3 and 4 year-old half-day preschool, a half-day or full-day kindergarten option, and an average class size of 23 students in grades 1-8. Our well-rounded educational program offers Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computers as part of the student's schedule. Daily religion classes, service hours, and school Masses provide further opportunities for students to enhance the school experience. Junior Great Books, Student Council, boy and girl scouts, athletic programs, band, choir and before and after care programs are available.

If your child is beginning his/her education, or if you are considering a change, please call the school to make an appointment to visit or to register.

Please call the school office at (708) 352-4820 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until Noon if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school. Come "*Discover St. Cletus*"!

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal



ATTENTION ALL GIRL SCOUTS!

Join us Sunday, March 7, at the 11:00 A.M. Mass, as we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. All Girl Scouts are welcome to attend! Also, Girl Scout Cookies will be available for purchase after each Mass!

Wear your uniform and meet at 10:55 a.m. in the church vestibule if you wish to process in. You can either sit with your family or with your troop (pews will be reserved). Religious medals that have been earned by some of the Girl Scout Troops will be blessed and presented after Mass.

If you wish to have your child's name listed with her troop or wish to purchase a Girl Scout Sunday Patch, please e-mail Mary Jane Walsh at mjmw95@sbcglobalnet or call (708) 579-5586.



Do you want...

- ...to see the Blackhawks up close & personal (Hawks tickets on the glass)?
- ...a nice evening out with friends (wine tasting)?
- ...new window treatments (Drapery Connection)?

Do you need...

- ...a little help around the house (Carpenter for a Day)?
- ...to sign up your teenager for driver's ed (Top Driver)?
- ...a new roof (Argo Roofing)?

Would you like...

- ...to give your child the gift of golf (Jr. golf clubs)?
- ...a makeover, a new you (salon gift certificates)?
- ...to take in a ball game (sports tickets)?

All of this and MUCH more is waiting for you at the...



**Get your reservation or sponsorship in by
February 28th to be entered to win
\$100 in Cardinal Cash***



**Check out the many raffle
opportunities, too –**



You need not be present to win

Go to <http://stcletusparish.com/school/fundraising/silentauction.asp> for invitation,
raffle, donor and sponsorship forms.
For more information, call Jim or Diane Krecek at 708-352-8498

*Cardinal Cash is redeemable only at the auction, for items purchased at the auction

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

In June 2007, for the first time in St. Cletus's history, the parish undertook the task to formulate a comprehensive long-range advancement proposal to plan for the future growth and development of St. Cletus Parish. This effort involved the Pastoral Parish Council, the staff of St. Cletus, the Pastor and associate pastors and the parishioners of St. Cletus. Working together, in June 2008, the Parish crafted a long range advancement proposal that included five major challenge areas to be addressed as part of planning for the future of the parish.

The Pastoral Parish Council, along with all of the Parish Ministries and its Commissions has continued to work on addressing the five major challenges as part of implementing the long-range advancement plan. In order to keep the parish apprised of the ongoing efforts to meet these challenges, each week a Pastoral Council member will provide an update on the actions taken in response to each one of the challenges.

This week will focus on Challenge No. 1: How can the parish ensure that our financial planning, spending and priorities reflect and support the mission of the parish and that money is spent effectively and efficiently?

In order to meet this challenge, Father Clark and the Parish Council have supported and instituted a policy of transparency and fiscal responsibility when it comes to the financial condition of St. Cletus. Major expenditures or projects of the parish or the commissions or ministries are reviewed and discussed by the Parish Council and recommendation are made to Fr. Clark. Additionally, the Parish Finance Committee members present monthly reports to the Council about the financial condition of the parish that includes a comprehensive oversight of the monies collected and the expenditures made by the parish. Parish Council meetings are open to all parishioners. While the response to this challenge is still a "work in progress," significant steps have been taken to insure that all members of the parish have the ability and opportunity to stay informed about the financial condition of the Parish.

Parish Pastoral Council

*Join the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration
for their 1st Annual
Nun Run
10k Run and 5k Run/Walk*



The Sisters need your help! As a transplanted community of Poor Clare nuns from Alabama, these nuns represent the only community of Poor Clare sisters west of the Mississippi and the only religious order in the Phoenix diocese. They are currently involved in an ambitious building project to construct a monastery, church and conference center on some thirty-nine acres of donated land in Black Canyon City, Arizona. We can help their efforts by contributing to their cause. This "Run" can be participated in even though you don't actually run or walk, but simply give. You may check out their website at www.desertnuns.com or contact them at (623)256-9889 or (623)374-9204. Pick up a flyer in the vestibule today to learn more!

Compassionate Care Needs

Compassionate Care is in need of clean 10-12" non-seasonal baskets (with handles preferred), and books of "Forever" postage stamps. Please leave baskets in the Parish Nurse Office, labeled **for Compassionate Care**, and postage stamps labeled **for Barbara Gleespen**. Thank you for your support for those in our parish who are grieving. If you have any questions about Compassionate Care, please contact Rita Pawlowicz-Schmid at (815) 439-0848, or email CCM@stcletusparish.com.

R.C.I.A.



"Learning about the Faith - RCIA members share and learn" under the direction of Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education, and Brad Markham.



Please meet Mr. Eric Lathrop, a member of our RCIA group.



Any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy for any type of cancer can have a cleaning service, provided FREE, 1 time per month for four months while in treatment.

All you need to do is sign up and have your doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. *The Cleaning for A Reason Foundation* will have a participating maid service in your zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help women undergoing chemo. For more information, please log on to www.cleaningforareason.org.

A RETREAT FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The retreat, "Pulsing with Divinity: Listening for God in the Heart of Life," with Kathy Sherman, CSJ, combines contemplation, conversation, ritual and song to celebrate God's nearness within and among us. Celtic Christian spirituality will be integrated throughout the session held at The Well, 1515 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park, on Thursday, March 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sister Kathy is a singer, composer and poet who is inspired by the ordinary of life with its power to reveal the Sacred. The cost of \$40 includes lunch. Registration can be made by visiting www.csjthewell.org or by calling 708-482-5048.

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families	2,539		
<u>Collection Statistics</u>		<u>Amount Collected</u>	
# of envelopes used - this week	691	\$18,622	Envelope Users
% of registered families	27%	<u>4,072</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
February 14, 2010 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750		\$22,694	
Weekly (Under) Over Budget	(\$4,056)		
This Fiscal Year @ 2/14/10			
Actual Sunday Collections	\$874,299		
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>882,750</u>		
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ (8,451)		

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, Feb. 22	No School 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	S-98 MH	Bible Study Men's BB
Tuesday, Feb. 23	7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB MH	PPC Meeting YM Basketball
Wednesday, Feb. 24	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB S-200 C MH	Mission Ladies RCIA Taize Prayer YM Basketball
Thursday, Feb. 25	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music S-200 MH	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir AA Meeting YM Basketball
Friday, Feb. 26	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-Music S-207	Stations of the Cross Hispanic Ministry Choir Hispanic Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, Feb. 27	7:00 p.m.	C	Fine Arts Recital
Sunday, Feb. 28	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	S-213 S-200	Hispanic Ministry/English Classes RCIA
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

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

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the Month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS (708) 352-6209

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.