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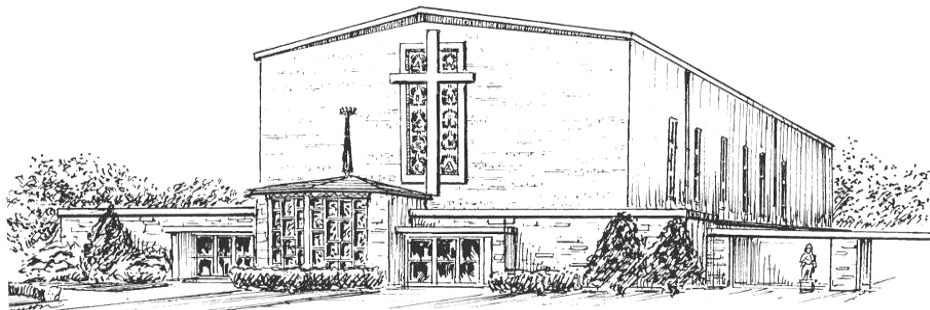
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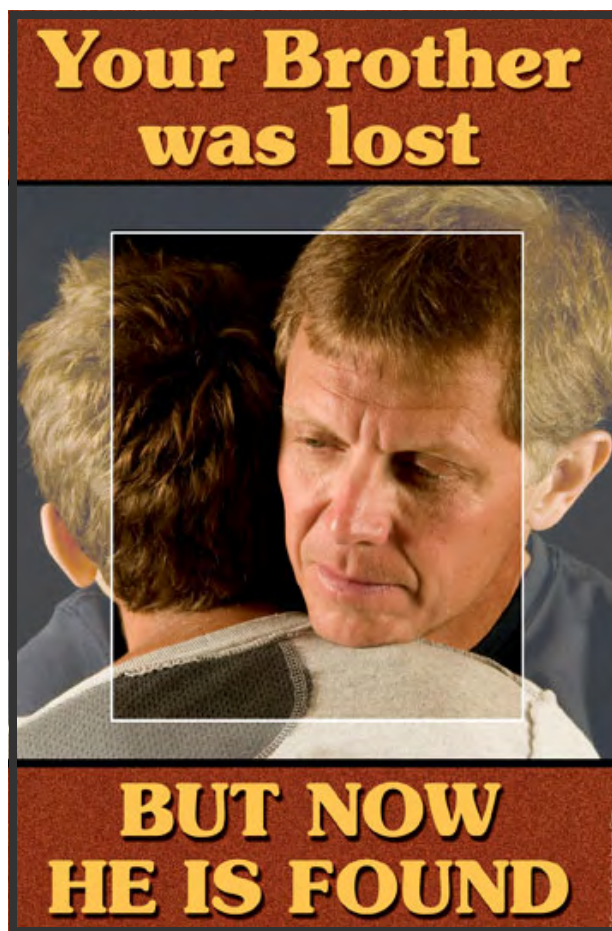
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March 14, 2010

Fourth 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 March 15 - March 21, 2010

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Angelo Cumbo, Elsie Wagner
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Cletus
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	John T. McTigue, Bonnie Mueller, Joe Vincent Lenten Mass
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ricciardone and Calandriello Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Timothy Benrus
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	William Garske Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Helen Skultety Margaret Chambers Raymond J. Klees, Pauline Cuttill Arthur C. & Eileen West (Special Intention), Wayne Kral, Timothy Benrus, Steve & Stella Dziabuda, Marge Bohnhoff Souls in Purgatory



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* during the 11:00 A.M. Mass this *Sunday, March 14, 2010*. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
 Ola Maveety, Rosemary Sylvester, 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.



**THIS PAST WEEK
WE WELCOMED...**

AVERY ELIZABETH JORGENSEN,
daughter of Joseph & Kelly (McElvogue) Jorgensen

JESSICA MARIE POKUSA,
daughter of Kenneth & Ann Marie (Lascola) Pokusa

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.



Wedding Banns

Marla Panicola & Michael Petrboh

Erika Guadalupe Gutiérrez Rodríguez
&

Jaime Hernández

Kristin Corbett & Michael Kennedy

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2010

The words of the hymn "Amazing Grace" are well known and very popular. The hymn praises God and celebrates the power of God in bringing about conversion. Less well-known is the story of the conversion of John Newton, who wrote the words of the hymn in 1770.

John Newton was a slave trader. He made money from the shipment of African slaves to property owners in the United States of America. At the age of 23 he became a Christian but only later recognized the evil of slavery, retired from the sea and became a priest in the Church of England in the parish of Olney, Buckinghamshire. He later campaigned for the abolition of slavery. The words of the hymn describe the way in which God's grace gave him new sight and then became his shield and protection.

John Newton's conversion to Christianity was sudden but only slowly did he realize the evil of slavery. His conversion to Christ shows the way in which little-by-little the "Amazing Grace" of God is at work in human activities. The experience of home-coming to God is repeated regularly in acts of recognizing wrong-doing, repentance and the experience of forgiveness. Each of these events is a moment of conversion towards God and a deepening of the relationship with God.

John Newton's conversion resembles that of the prodigal son. As soon as this son came to his senses, he began the journey back to his Father, who rushed out to welcome him back and embraced him. The father runs to meet him before he has time to speak. God's love is scandalously generous to those who return to him. The effects of God's mercy are described in the words of St. Paul as the building of a new creation and the reconciliation of the world to God. A new covenant of mercy replaces the old covenant forged after God had liberated Israel from Egypt. The liberator God of the Old Testament freed the people of Israel from slavery; God's liberation in the New Testament is liberation from sin. We cannot free ourselves but only accept God's gift.

The joy of the father's feast is spoiled by the attitude of the elder brother. He is bitter and resentful about the welcome given to his brother. He had worked hard at home for his father and cared for his possessions. He had been obedient and dutiful in carrying out his responsibilities. The tragedy is that this made him hard-hearted and lacking in generosity. There is a danger that duty and hard work can make people resentful towards others, especially if they seem to be shirkers. Bitterness and resentment are like a poison in the system which builds up slowly but which, when released, can be highly destructive.

Resentments can run very deep in families. It might be about an event of the past, a time when someone was hurt or ignored. For example a relative who cares for a sick member of the family may become resentful if other members do not appear to be pulling their weight. Forgiveness of family hurt is difficult and takes time to heal. We are often told to "forgive and forget", but often forgetting may not be possible. Forgiveness is rather a graced act of will. It is a choice to go beyond the hurt and not allow it to dominate the relationship or determine the future. It is an act of courage and hope for the future. To reach the moment of such a choice may be a lengthy process and need many years.

The readings invite trust in God's mercy and forgiveness. Knowledge of our own weaknesses and limitations can help us understand one another. It can lead to a new insight or perspective on a situation. Such a moment of recognition happened in John Newton's life when he understood that the slave was a man or woman of equal dignity and created by God. This insight led to a deepening conversion. He recognized his prejudice and failure to see the slave as an equal. May we be blessed with similar conversion experiences.

PARISH FINANCES

Please note that the six month financial report for our parish is included in this week's Canticle. Take a few moments to review it and feel free to ask questions, if you have them, to any member of our Parish Finance Committee who are available to you through contacting the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. I ask you to notice, also, the weekly collection report in the Canticle which reflects for the very first time in a long while that we are now running slightly ahead of budget requirements for year-to-date. This is due to your generosity and willingness to give the \$2 or \$3 extra dollars each week in your weekly contribution envelope. Thank you for your continued efforts to help us spread the "Good News" of the gospel through our many ministry programs and efforts while being fiscally responsible. We continue to work hard in our efforts to cut back on expenses wherever possible. May God's Blessings continue to be upon you for your generosity in supporting the work of the Lord.

Father Bob - Pastor



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Prodigal Father's parable

Accused of hanging out with sinners, Jesus tells one of his best stories. "A man had two sons," the elder (oh-so-good) and the younger (not-so-much). It's a story about extravagance and wastefulness—prodigality—but *not the son's*. The "prodigal father's" affection and forgiveness go overboard, a spendthrift with his love. The parable closes with a party dad throws for his son who "once was lost and now is found" but the older son refuses to join the celebration, so that the father has to beg him to go beyond his joyless (self-)righteousness. The father actually runs out to meet a son twice: once to kiss the errant, broken younger one and then to bring into the warmth that stubborn elder one. Jesus still "consorts with sinners," no manner which kind we are.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

"This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

MONDAY, MARCH 15

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Yes we can, with God's help

Our faith might be more conditional than we'd like to admit. We may expect it to magically solve all our problems, perhaps by way of miraculous signs and wonders such as the Galileans expected of Jesus. It's understandable, but that is not how faith always works. It's not only about a miracle fix but rather about facing and resolving life's challenges with confidence that we do not face them alone—God is at our side. So rather than hope for a miracle today, work on resolving a problem yourself, with confidence and serenity that God is with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54*

"The Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival."

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Healing is within reach

What do you do when what you need is beyond your grasp? That was the problem for the man who'd been waiting by the healing pool of Bethesda for 38 long years. The waters were only beneficial if you reached them when the angel had stirred them. At the pace this poor fellow moved, someone always beat him to it. The arrival of Jesus changed the rules of the game. No more did healing depend on special moments, healing mediums, or preferential considerations. The word of Jesus sufficed to make the sick man whole. His word remains the one that saves.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16*

"Immediately the man got well; he picked up his mat and started walking."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

FEAST OF PATRICK, BISHOP

Get a strong start

"Saint Patrick's Breastplate," an Irish morning prayer from the eighth century, is a testament to Patrick's almost palpable sense of closeness to God: "Christ shield me this day . . . / Christ with me, / Christ before me, / Christ behind me, / Christ in me, / Christ beneath me, / Christ above me . . ." and on the litany goes. Just as Jesus describes how he cannot do anything except through the Father, so Patrick prays that anything he does

goes through the Son. Jesus is Patrick's protector, his friend, and above all, Patrick believes that it is Jesus whom he will encounter through "every eye that sees" him each day. What breastplate can you fashion today that will help strengthen your faith? Perhaps you can begin with a morning prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30*

"Whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise."

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

FEAST OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Hat trick

There aren't many saints venerated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglicans alike, but Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386) is one. If that weren't enough of a distinction, Cyril is also honored as a doctor of the church. Why so special? He was a key voice in resolving a number of doctrinal disputes in the early church and helped advance the belief that the consecrated bread and wine are not mere symbols but the actual body and blood of Christ. The next time you receive Communion, give a nod of thanks to Cyril for helping illuminate the experience. You'll be in good company doing so.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47*

"There is another who testifies on my behalf."

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Just do it

Although Saint Joseph does not say a word in the gospels, we know that he was both a deeply spiritual and an immensely practical person. How else could he have managed to take Mary on that difficult and dangerous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, find shelter, help her give birth to their son, change plans, transport his family safely to Egypt in the middle of the night, and support them in exile for years until it was finally safe to return to Nazareth? Joseph's actions speak volumes. Reflect on these words of Leonardo da Vinci: "Knowing is not enough, we must apply. Being willing is not enough, we must do."

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a*

"I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me."

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Not what you had planned

The path from plan to reality can be rough and sometimes goes off in unexpected directions. That's especially true when people insist something *has to be* so because that's the way they want it or can't imagine anything different. Jesus found himself in this situation when people were arguing about whether he fit the description of who they thought the Messiah or a prophet was supposed to be. Unfortunately this discussion blinded them to actually believing in him. Try to get past always seeing how things are supposed to be (and frequently aren't) to how they really are.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53*

"Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

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Fauré *Requiem*
William Ferris Chorale
with the Spirito Singers
Sunday, March 14, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

St. Cletus Church, 600 West 55th Street, La Grange



"William Ferris Chorale dazzles,"
exclaimed the *Chicago Tribune*, and proclaimed it
"one of the finest choruses of its kind in the nation."

Elmhurst based **Spirito Singers** will join the Chorale, accompanied by strings, harp, and organ, to present Fauré's much-loved *Requiem*. Also on the program are works by Randall Thompson, Eleanor Daley, traditional spirituals, hauntingly beautiful works by Eric Whitacre, and rousing choruses from George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*.

TICKETS: \$20 & \$25

Discounts available for students and seniors

CALL 773-325-2000

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 and 2008**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
ASSETS		
Assets		
Cash in bank	\$ 376,679	\$ 200,069
Cash - Auxiliary groups	77,504	116,955
Prepaid Deposit/Prepaid Expenses	1,307	-
Parish investments at market value	1,201,449	1,081,449
Restricted Parish Bequest Donation (1)	187,821	-
Restricted School endowment Certificate of Deposit (2)	50,000	-
Restricted School endowment investment at market value (2)	<u>491,194</u>	<u>549,207</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,385,954</u>	<u>\$ 1,947,680</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 172,877	\$ 43,532
Tuition deposits	<u>13,100</u>	<u>22,110</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>185,977</u>	<u>65,642</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,470,962	1,332,831
Restricted Parish bequest (1)	187,821	-
Restricted School endowment (2)	<u>541,194</u>	<u>549,207</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,199,977</u>	<u>1,882,038</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,385,954</u>	<u>\$ 1,947,680</u>

(1) - The Restricted Parish bequest is for Church improvements.

(2) - The Restricted School endowment investment is not available for general parish operations.

**ST. CLETUS PARISH
STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>Church Revenue</u>		
Sunday & Holy Day collections	\$ 698,635	\$ 711,165
Christmas collections	196,290	202,378
Tuition & fees (Catechesis and youth)	89,604	96,086
Summer Projects/Light our Way	58,100	32,623
Memorials	-	5,600
Net Auxiliary groups' (expense)	(13,066)	-
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	22,438	47,652
Other income - i.e. vigils, sacrament fees, mass stipends, outreach	<u>84,514</u>	<u>64,920</u>
Total Church Revenue	<u>1,136,515</u>	<u>1,160,424</u>
<u>Church Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	428,460	468,828
Utilities	32,956	31,929
Maintenance & repairs	67,075	59,761
Office / technology	31,902	29,703
Liturgical / books	56,524	52,390
Archdiocesan assessments	154,296	142,818
Summer Projects/Light Our Way	72,807	32,623
Long Range Plan/Development/Facility Feasibility Study	-	21,250
Archdiocesan/Sharing/Other Collections	22,438	47,652
Miscellaneous - i.e. food, transportation, outreach, hospitality	<u>86,076</u>	<u>63,214</u>
Total Church Expenses	<u>952,534</u>	<u>950,168</u>
Church Net Surplus	<u>\$ 183,981</u>	<u>\$ 210,256</u>
<u>School Revenue</u>		
Tuition & fees	\$ 1,107,191	\$ 1,075,918
Other/school support/fundraising	<u>182,219</u>	<u>150,626</u>
Total School Revenue	<u>1,289,410</u>	<u>1,226,544</u>
<u>School Expenses</u>		
Salaries & benefits	934,093	802,038
Utilities	40,751	40,684
Maintenance & repairs	24,981	106,062
Books / instructional / technology	36,548	118,096
Insurance / assessment	28,182	25,764
Fundraising	26,203	30,386
Other	<u>29,982</u>	<u>37,659</u>
Total School Expense	<u>1,120,740</u>	<u>1,160,689</u>
School Net Surplus	<u>\$ 168,670</u>	<u>\$ 65,855</u>
PARISH OPERATING SURPLUS	\$ 352,651	\$ 276,111
<u>Other income</u>		
Interest income	438	
Restricted parish bequest donation (1)	187,871	
Increase (decrease) in value of parish investments	116,342	(124,073)
Increase (decrease) in value of school endowment	<u>2,860</u>	<u>(116,116)</u>
NET PARISH SURPLUS	<u>\$ 660,162</u>	<u>\$ 35,922</u>



OPERATION RICE BOWL

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT – THE PRODIGAL SON

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us to refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to more deeply appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving. Make plans to use the daily reflections and activities on the ORB calendar to enhance your spiritual journey this week, as you visit our brothers and sisters in Nicaragua. **Reminder...**We ask that you return your filled rice bowls when you come to Church for Palm Sunday Mass. School families may return them to the school on the last day before Easter vacation. Thank you.

Do you know:

- Slightly smaller than the state of New York, Nicaragua is the largest of the Central American countries. Lakes, volcanoes and rainforests provide the setting for an amazing biodiversity and a wealth of natural resources. But the country's turbulent history—fraught with foreign intervention, corrupt governments and economic exploitation—has kept Nicaragua among the poorest of Latin American countries.
- According to the United Nations, 80% of people in Nicaragua live on less than \$2 per day. Still, with adequate investments in health, education, infrastructure and, most importantly, agriculture, the majority of the population—rural small-scale farmers and other marginalized communities—would benefit from economic growth.
- Catholic Relief Services began working in Nicaragua in 1964, providing emergency supplies in the wake of a hurricane. Today, CRS works to improve the lives of Nicaragua's poorest and most vulnerable communities by combining emergency preparedness and relief with long-term development assistance. In partnership with the Catholic Church and civil society organizations, CRS implements projects in agriculture and natural resource management, microfinance, health, emergency response and risk management and human rights and civil society. Visit www.orb.crs.org for more in-depth coverage of these programs.

Catholic Social Teaching focus of the week: ***Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers***. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.

Food Pantry

THANK YOU... to all who continue to support our Food Pantry with donations even as they struggle themselves to make ends meet. Your sacrifices are even more appreciated in these challenging times as we strive to answer Jesus' call to "Feed the Hungry". Please continue to make it a routine to pick up an item or two for the Food Pantry when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Our greatest need at this time is for canned meats and meals in a can (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.), canned tomatoes, tea, coffee, cereal, paper goods and diapers.

Also, a special word of thanks to our Religious Education students and families, who did an amazing job of collecting groceries in their neighborhoods, sorting them, and delivering them to our Food Pantry. This Lenten Service Project is a wonderful example to us all of *Faith in Action!*

Mary Beth Ford

Social Concerns



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 19 Morrissey Hall	Soup Supper and Movie	6:30 P.M.
Friday, March 26 Church	Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
All Fridays in Lent Church	School Stations of the Cross	2:00 P.M.
There will also be a Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 22		7:00 P.M.



A Warm Welcome to
Our Newly Registered
Parishioners

Please welcome... Mr. & Mrs. John Alvarado and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Erik Chopp and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Pancho Degand, Valeria Moskus, Mildred Phipps, and Roberta Rakow to our parish family. If you attend St. Cletus but have not yet registered, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

Girls Church League Basketball... We are trying to establish a girls high school church basketball league! Practices will be one night a week and games early on Saturday evenings throughout April-mid May. If you are interested, visit our website to download information and/or registration forms at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Registration forms are due this week!

Living Stations of the Cross... All high school teens are welcome to participate in our Good Friday services. Practices are March 24, 29 and 31 from 7:15-9:00 P.M. Please come and join us! For more information, contact the youth ministry office at (708) 215-5419.

Amy Cranny
Youth Ministry

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - *How do the Sacraments put us in contact with God? Scripture: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. The parable of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son*

Reflection: In this gospel we see Jesus' concern for those who have been lost or wandered away and how much God loves us. When we say we are sorry, we believe that God forgives us no matter what. Share stories of sacraments in your life. What sacraments have you received? How did you experience God in that moment? What connection do you see between what you celebrate in the sacraments and how you live.

Catholics Come Home connection: Sacraments are a time when we gather as a community. Sacraments are part of the church. When someone is lost, we as a church welcome them back. The Holy Spirit is the wind, the wind often changes direction. We too are able to change our direction in life and come back to God.

Action: Take part in your parish reconciliation service or individual confession if you are old enough. Forgive someone in your life who has hurt you.

**THIS WEEK WILL FOCUS ON CHALLENGE NO. 2:
HOW DO WE GET THE TEENS COMMITTED
TO A YOUTH PROGRAM IN WHICH THEY WILL TAKE OWNERSHIP?**

One of the main ways we have met this challenge is through the formation of the Youth Ministry Board. This is made up of both adult and teen members of the Parish who work together in hosting a variety of both service and social activities. The Board looks at surveys filled out by current and past Confirmation candidates to determine which activities are most appealing to the teens of the parish. Teens from the Parish are also involved in Kairos retreats, and participate in Archdiocese wide teen outings. One of our most successful programs is the summer mission trip. These trips have been steadily increasing in popularity, thus bringing teens into a more active role in Parish life.

Parish Pastoral Council



A few of the volunteer workers from St. Cletus who earned low cost food from the Greater Chicago Food Depository for the St. Cletus Food Pantry are pictured above. Every hour worked by our 15 volunteers earned 63 pounds of food for our parish's Food Pantry.

Left to right are GCFD employee Milton Crane, Dawn McMillan, a safety first manikin from Parador, Alida Carpenter, Maureen Soldat, and Bob Haufknecht.

Next dates for St. Cletus folks to work at the warehouse are March 24, April 28 and May 26. More information is available by e-mail from dawnmcmillin@gmail.com.

(article and photo submitted by Jim Matthews)



Hey Kids ages 4-9, what do fireflies say at the beginning of a race? Find out by joining us at Crocodile Dock. Register for our 3rd year of Bible School. The fun begins on June Monday, 21. The cost is \$25 per child. Registration forms and more information are available in the religious education office or on-line.

(THE ANSWER TO OUR RIDDLE: GLOW)

NEEDED - Dock hands from 6th grade to 100 years-old willing to help our young explorer's Explore God's World during the week of June 21 from 9:00 A.M. `til Noon. Dust off your waders and call (708) 352-2383 or you can email me at pkahl@stcletusparish.com. Join us - and get ready to ROCK THE DOCK! More details will follow.

Pat Kahl

Director of Religious Education

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR JOB SEEKERS

Are you one of the many in transition, looking for your next career opportunity? If so, we share your need for some encouragement and support. *Interfaith Career Network* welcomes you to an evening of inspiration and understanding. Pastors and Ministers from several La Grange area congregations will share their thoughts and insights on the journey of your job search. We hope you will join us for this uplifting and motivational interfaith discussion on Thursday, March 18, 7:00 P.M., at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Invite someone in your family, or a friend to join you. All are welcome and there is no fee for attending.

St. Cletus



The next book is

The Cellist of Sarajevo
by Steven Galloway

We will meet to discuss it on...

Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 P.M.
in the Religious Ed Room
(enter at flag pole door)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com

ST. CLETUS EARNS WITH NATIONAL CITY BANK

National City made a donation of \$869.79 to St. Cletus based on the total interest earned and paid annually to account holders who participated in the CommUNITY Banking program. There are two ways to participate in the program. **1)** Reference community #407 when opening any new account with National City. We earn \$10-15 per new account sign up. **2)** Align your existing National City accounts with the program by referencing community number #407 by simply contacting your local branch or 800-925-9259. Your participation in this program helps fund our parish-wide technology initiatives. Thank you!!

Chris Wagner

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Director of Technology / System Administrator
708-215-5420

A SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

*Sponsored by Interfaith Community Partners
A faith-based alliance with older adults"*

Caregivers can be adult children, spouses, other relatives or friends caring for an older adult. Clearly, the most healthy and effective caregivers are those who seek and accept informational and coping support. In an effort to provide that valuable support to those in a caregiving role, a monthly caregiver support group is held. The group is open to anyone in the coalition congregations or surrounding communities. Details are as follows:

When: The first Friday of each month
10:00-11:30 A.M.

Facilitator: Ms. Kate Marshall, LSW

Location: Grace Lutheran Church
200 N. Catherine Ave., La Grange

Questions? Contact Interfaith Community Partners at
(708) 579-8929.



St. Cletus Parish
March 21, 2010

Sign up **this** weekend for the time you wish to donate blood **next** week. Remember blood donations are **needed** every day - for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those suffering chronic illnesses. More than 1,000 donors are needed every day just to meet the needs of patients in the LifeSource service. **REMEMBER**, you can make a difference in someone's life.

Clare Slowik
Parish Nurse

ST. CLETUS 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. 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

Sunday Collection

Total Active Registered Families 2,534

Collection Statistics

of envelopes used - this week 834
 % of registered families 33%

Amount Collected

\$27,543	Envelope Users
<u>2,580</u>	Loose Checks/Cash
\$30,123	

March 7, 2010 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750

Weekly (Under) Over Budget \$3,373

This Fiscal Year @ 3/07/10

Actual Sunday Collections	\$969,106
Budgeted Sunday Collections	<u>963,000</u>
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ 6,106

Thank you for your continued generous support. Your extra two to three dollars helps the parish meet our weekly budgeted needs.

Fr. Bob Clark
Pastor



Sweet Home

CHICAGO

St. Cletus Spring Gala and Auction
Saturday, March 20, 2010
7pm
LaGrange Country Club
Silent and Live Auction

For Sponsorship and Donor Opportunities
 Contact Jim & Diane Krecek
 708-352-8498
mktcheck@aol.com

**COLLECTION FOR THE CENTRAL CHURCH
 IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE
 MARCH 13/14**

Great needs remain in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Some parishes still need a proper place to celebrate Mass; some dioceses cannot maintain necessary social and charitable works; most cannot support basic pastoral work. Today, we ask you to donate generously to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Give faith to the future. Envelopes are available in the pews.



*Golden Wedding
Anniversary*

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Avenue, Niles.

Couples married in 1960 interested in attending this celebration should contact the parish office (708-352-6209) to register.

For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at (312) 534-8351 or visit the website at www.familyministries.org.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Friday:	St. Joseph; Abstinence
Saturday:	Spring begins

WEEK AT A GLANCE			
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event
Monday, March 15	No School 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	S-98 C MH	Bible Study RE classes Stations of the Cross Men's BB
Tuesday, March 16	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-207 S-213 S-200	Pastoral Care Committee Compassionate Care Ministry RCIA
Wednesday, March 17	9:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	RB C	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass
Thursday, March 18	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	S-Music S-Music S-Music S-Music S-207 S-213	Children's Choir Youth Choir Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir St. Vincent de Paul Meeting AA
Friday, March 19	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	C S-Music S-207 MH	School Stations of the Cross Hispanic Ministry Choir Hispanic Ministry Bible Class St. Joseph Soup/Movie Night
Saturday, March 20	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	CV CV CV	MANNA Operation Rice Bowl Holy Name Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale
Sunday, March 21	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m.	CV S-213 S-200 MH CV CV	Holy Name Pancake Breakfast Ticket Sale Hispanic Ministry/English Classes RCIA Blood Drive MANNA Operation Rice Bowl
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement



The Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, falls on a Friday this year. The question arises regarding the requirement of abstinence from meat. Since St. Joseph's Day holds the rank of a solemnity and the character of a solemnity is one of rejoicing, penitential practices such as abstinence from meat are not required. People may choose voluntarily to abstain from Meat on March 19 but it is not required. Hence, Catholics are able to participate in a St. Joseph Table without worrying about breaking the penitential discipline of Lent.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2010

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Rita F. Mayer
<i>Vice - Chairperson:</i>	Jim Ryva
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Rita F. Mayer Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Anne Babirak, (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Stuart Heyes Xavier Polanski
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke Tom Finucane
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

Suburban Catholic Singles Group (SCSG)

For those in their mid 30's thru mid 50's

Upcoming March Event

Mobile Food Pantry

Date: Saturday, March 20th

Time: 9:30 AM -12:30 PM

Place: First Church of Lombard
220 Main Street- Lombard

Our planning meeting is the **first** Monday of every month at Panera Bread, 435 La Grange Road, La Grange Park, IL at 7:00 P.M. If you would like more information, please contact Jenny Balanoff at singlesadmin@gmail.com.

Please visit our web site for more information
www.suburbancatholicsingles.blogspot.com