

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM
Weekdays: 8:00 AM

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. 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 (352-4834).

CONFESSIONS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 4:00 PM

Fr. Marshall's Musings

What a great week it's been for St. Cletus Parish with our Parish Mission being preached by Fr. Bill Stenzel. Fr. Stenzel gave some tremendous insights into our past, our present and the possibilities of the future. My hope and prayer is that we will be able to live the words that Fr. Stenzel spoke in our daily lives as we continue in our conversion during this Holy Season of Lent.

I thank Fr. Stenzel for all of his time, energy and preparation in giving the Parish Mission. I assured him of our prayers for his parish at St. Bede the Venerable.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the transfiguration of Jesus and the transfiguration should help us to reflect on how we view Jesus in our daily lives. There are certainly moments of elimination where Jesus' presence is obvious but more often there are times where it is hard to see that Jesus is present in our daily lives. As we journey through the season of Lent, through our Lenten disciplines, we hopefully can see his presence more readily in our lives.

The line in this Gospel story that strikes me the most is when God says about Jesus, "you are my beloved". I think that God says this to all of us, but because of the din of the world and the hectic frantic lives that we live, we don't take enough time to hear the words of being God's beloved nor feeling that way. One of the things that we could do during Lent is carve away time from the busyness of our lives so that we can listen to those words and believe in them. How truly blessed we are by God by being his beloved. If we remember that on a daily basis, that will give us the fortitude to face the challenges that are placed upon each of us each day. If there is somebody or some behavior that is blocking us from hearing those words and feelings, the impact of them, then we just fast from those people or behaviors so that we can be in the position, not on a mountain necessarily, but in our own homes and in our workplaces to feel the belovedness of God.

This week we also celebrate the feast of two of the greatest saints of the Church. On March 17 we celebrate the feast of St. Patrick and on March 19 the feast of St. Joseph. With St. Patrick's Day there are always a lot of festivities that surround the feast day, but again, who we are celebrating is a saint that converted the island of Ireland with the Catholic faith. Prior to the arrival of St. Patrick, Ireland was a Pagan country and through his missionary endeavors he taught them to be filled with zeal for the Holy Trinity and he used the shamrock as the symbol of that. I hope that our celebrations do not blur the importance of this saint's work or conversion and evangelization which we are called upon to do also as followers of Christ.

On the feast of St. Joseph we celebrate a humble, devoted servant of God. St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. Not much was written about him but he was a devoted husband and father and as family life has disintegrated in many ways in our culture today, we need to look to St. Joseph as an example of what it means to be a committed spouse and a dedicated parent. So again, let's not let the feast day overshadow the importance of the roll that this saint played in nurturing Jesus from birth along with the Blessed Mother.

I hope you enjoy St. Patrick and St. Joseph's day. If there is anything I can do to assist you in your spiritual journey during the season of Lent, please do not hesitate to call me.

Fr. Patrick Marshall

Welcome! New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs Joe Davidson, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Hadraba and Family, Dr's Jesse & Phavinee Park and Family, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rudman, Christine Ryzner, and Meganne Lube.

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

Holy Name Pancake Breakfast Tickets Available Next Weekend

Holy Name Society members will be selling tickets after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday, March 18/19 for their annual Walter Klimcke Pancake Breakfast.

The breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 26, from 7am-12:30pm in Morrissey Hall. Adults are \$5 and children \$2.

Jim Matthews



Lenten Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 2:00pm

At Your Fingertips...

Join the 200+ weekly visitors to our parish website at www.stcletusparish.com. Inside you'll find the latest information on the Annual Catholic Appeal including the recorded homily from Cardinal Francis George. Revisit often for Lenten updates, Mass schedules, the Canticle, and events happening throughout our parish community.

Chris Wagner
Information Technology

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Ruth Calandriello, Jack Carter, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Michael Abalos, Connie Kostecki, Connor Farrell, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Andy Rasch, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Robert Frost, Robert Salbego, Bridie Boyce,

Stephanie Yakowicz, Louis Cesario, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Virginia Tenerelli, Agnes Olszowka, July Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Bill Gilmer, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.


If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory office at (708) 352-6209. It is just as important to know that the prayers have been answered; please advise us when a person no longer needs to be on our prayer list.

Stewardship

"He who lives in me and I in him will produce abundantly" (John 15:17).

Those who take a step in faith and follow the principles of stewardship experience great spiritual rewards.

March 5

Budgeted Revenue:		\$32,000
Collection Received:		31,927
Shortfall last week:		- 73
Revenue to budget		
Surplus for this fiscal year:		2,515
# of envelopes mailed:		3,181
# of envelopes returned:		1,131

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to use your offertory envelopes.

Please remember, using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively. Supplementary offering envelopes are available in the pews each week.

St Agatha Collection: \$834

Please note: Many parishioners have elected to have their weekly Sunday offering contribution debited out of their checking account once or twice a month. If you would like more information, contact Bobbie at (708) 352-6209 at the rectory office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard every Saturday from 4:15-4:45pm.



Cardinal Corner

St. Cletus Graduates Excel in High School

A number of area high schools have recently highlighted the academic and extracurricular achievements of their students – including many St. Cletus graduates.

The following graduates made the honor roll at their schools:

Mother McAuley: Alyssa Lindgren

Joliet Catholic: Gabriel Ybarra (St. Cletus class of 2005)

Nazareth Academy:

St. Cletus class of 2002: Marinna Dural, Matthew Kennedy, Kristine Lang, Samantha Matkovich, Michael Dudak, Steve Gray, Emily Hagen, George Luna, Patrick Moore, Mary Rita Soldat, Meghan Trejo.

St. Cletus class of 2003: Christina Dalporto, Carolyn Lang, Laura Battistoni, Julianne Nelson, Lauren Waryjas.

St. Cletus class of 2004: Philip Moore, John Battistoni, Melissa Luna, Sara Sedlacek.

St. Cletus class of 2005: Christopher Gray, James Kennedy, Frank Laghi, Michael Moles, Jonathan Nelson, Colin Schwendt, Zachary Basile, Steve DalPorto, Timothy Heuer, Brittany Waryjas.

At **Lyons Township High School**, 2004 St. Cletus graduates Maggie Boland, and Hannah Keller are members of the sophomore Madrigal Choir. In addition, Maggie qualified for participation in the Illinois Music Education Association All District Choir Festival at the senior level.

Congratulations to our graduates! We're proud of all your successes.

Find out more about the excellent academic programs and extracurricular activities at St. Cletus School by visiting our website at: <http://www.stcletusparish.com/school>.

The World Still Hungers for Peace

Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph at the Prayer for Peace service on Friday, March 17, in the Chapel at 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park. Service begins at 7:00pm.

Fenwick students and their parents. Tickets are \$50 each, and proceeds benefit tuition assistance at Fenwick. For more information, please call Sharon Bresnahan at (773) 637-8398.

50th Anniversary

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, 426 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with a year-long schedule of events. The opening celebration will take place on Sunday, April 2, at the 10:30am Mass. Bishop Joseph Imesch will be the principal celebrant and a special reception will be held afterwards in Barrett Hall. Questions? Call the parish office at (630) 279-5700, Sheila Reiter at (630) 833-6657 or Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021.

You're Invited!

The Fenwick High School Mother's Club invites you to "April in Paris," the annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon, on Tuesday, April 4, at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Boutiques will open for shopping at 10:30am, followed by luncheon and the fashion show, featuring professional models as well as

Sweating Blood in the Garden

[Second in a six part Lenten series on "Mystical Images"]

"In his anguish he prayed even more earnestly, and his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood."

Luke gives us this picture of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. What's happening inside of Jesus here?

When we look at the accounts of Jesus' passion and death we see that what the gospel writers highlight is not Jesus' physical suffering but his emotional anguish. Indeed, in the gospels, his physical sufferings are almost underplayed. In Mark's account, for instance the entire aspect of physical suffering is written off in one line: *"They led him away and crucified him."* What's emphasized instead is that Jesus was alone, abandoned, betrayed, morally lonely, hung out to dry, unanimity-minus-one.

Moreover, the fact that Gethsemane is a garden (rather than in a temple, a boat, or a mountain-top) tells us something too. Archetypally, a garden is a place of love, a place of delight, a place to drink wine with friends, a place of intimacy. Conversely, that also makes it the place where love is lost, where one feels the deepest kind of loneliness, and where one suffers emotional crucifixion.

Thus, it's Jesus, the lover, who sweats blood in the garden. What he suffers there is the emotional agony that sometimes comes on us as the price of love. What Jesus sweats there is a lover's anguish. What is that?

Several years ago, there was a TV series entitled, *Thirty Something*. One of the episodes ran this way:

A group of men had gathered for a "men-only" party at a hotel. One of the men at the party, a married man, found himself attracted to one of the hotel managers, a young woman who was on duty that night, in charge of the hospitality. He had to deal with her all evening in terms of making arrangements for food, drink, and music. She was attracted to him too and as the evening went on their bond grew and, though nothing but practical conversation was exchanged, the romantic chemistry between them began to intensify. Each sensed it without, of course, revealing it to the other.

As the evening drew to a close, both did what comes naturally, they lingered near each other and found every kind of practical excuse to prolong their contact, without really knowing what to say to each other, but sensing that there was a special connection that they were reluctant to break off.

Finally it was time to part. The man stalled thanking her one last time for what she'd done for the group. She, not wanting to lose the moment, took the risk and said to him: "I very much enjoyed meeting you. Would you like to get together again sometime?"

He, guilty fingering his wedding ring and apologizing for not being more forthright, did what too few of us would have the honesty and courage to do. He sweated a little blood and then said to her: "I'm sorry but I'm married. I need to go home to my wife."

My dad used to say to me: *"Unless you can sweat blood sometimes, you will never keep a commitment, in marriage, in priesthood, or in anything else. That's what it takes to be faithful!"*

In essence, at least in miniature, that was Jesus' agony in the garden. The blood he was sweating was the blood of emotional crucifixion, the price of being faithful in love.

To be faithful, to love beyond daydreams, requires that sometimes - in hotel rooms, in gardens, at parties, in our workplaces, in places where wine is drunk, and in every place where people gather and intimacies are exchanged - we have to enter a great loneliness, the loneliness of moral integrity, the loneliness of fidelity, the loneliness of duty, the loneliness of renouncing an overpowering desire, the loneliness of losing life so that we might find it in a higher way.

And that isn't easy. Jesus didn't find it easy and neither do we. What love and fidelity ask will sometimes drive us to our knees in anguish and, like Jesus in Gethsemane, we will find ourselves begging God for a means to still have our own way in this, to have our cake and eat it too, to find some way around fidelity, vow, promise, and duty.

This is a lover's anguish because the part in us that's agonizing and resisting is that part of the heart that stewards intimacy, romance, and embrace. The lover in us is having to let go of some very precious things; it's having to die to something for the sake of something else, and that's emotionally crucifying.

The account of Jesus sweating blood in the Garden of Gethsemane is, among other things, a powerful mystical image that tells us it's not enough simply to be sincere and follow the heart's desires. Sometimes love and fidelity demand that, like Jesus, in anguish and tears, we say to God: *"Much as I desperately want this, I can't have it! Not my will, but yours, be done!"*

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of
March 13 through March 19**

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – John Ruzas, Helen Geier, Theresa McDonald
Tuesday	8:00am	Angela Clifford, Skowron Family, Fran Cirrincione, Arthur Evans, Jeanette Matyok
Wednesday	8:00am	Celeste Klees, Josephine LaBanca, Frank & Lorraine Peck, Elsie Wagner, Joseph George Kutta
Thursday	8:00am	Celeste Klees, Mildred Vendegna, Salvatore Sciacca, Helen Kruczek, Florence Curtis, Jack Lewis
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Joseph White, Bernice Dumas, Paul Arra, Erik Geyer, John McTigue, Arthur Evans, Bob Cowdrill
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus
Sunday	7,8,9:30,11am	People of St. Cletus

Altar Servers 

Monday, March 13
8:00am - K. Sipek, K. Cernetig, A. Heslin, M. Shannon


Tuesday, March 14
8:00am - J. Kern, M. Thomas, E. Maldonado, D. Hebal

Wednesday, March 15
8:00am - J. Kern, M. Thomas, E. Maldonado, D. Hebal

Thursday, March 16
8:00am - K. Sipek, K. Cernetig, A. Heslin, M. Shannon

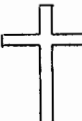
Friday, March 17
8:00am - No School Servers

Saturday & Sunday, March 18/19
5:00pm - N. Smith, M. Johnson-Dahl, M. Thomas, S. Vcelka
7:00am -R. Mitchell, Z. Quick, K. Meade, C. Stepuszek
8:00am - G. Valdes, T. Lenz, N. Magats, A. Stepuszek
9:30am - J. Kern, K. Cernetig, A. Heslin, M. Shannon
11:00am - A. Bartucci, A. Balch, K. Sipek, R. Adamec

Wedding Banns 

We announce with joy the approaching marriage of...
Bridget Polacek and Patrick Goggin

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 18, 2006		9:30 AM	LR McLaughlin, Sheila
5:00 PM	LR Demonte, Linda	SM Opila, Andy	C1 Norak, Veronica
SM Wouk, Dolores-	C1 Chlopecka, Rick-	B2 McCaffray, Paul-	C2 Keating-Gay, Sus-
B2 Bomberger, MaryA	C2 Bozoc, Betty	B3 Hoskins, Coline	C3 Hoskins, William
B3 Burke, Ruth	C3 Burke, Jack	B4 Opila, Margo	C4 Opila, Andy
B4 Richards, Marge-	C4 Wouk, Dolores-	B5 Nilles, Carolyn-	C5 Kunkel, JoAnn-
B5 Nockman, Susan-	C5 Boyer, Kathy-	B6 Hayas, Marlene	C6 Hayas, Stuart
B6 Guide, Alfreda-	C6 Kensek, Maggie-	11:00 AM	LR Augustyn, Bon-
Sunday, March 19, 2006		SM Dunkovich, Alice-	C1 Mongahas, Auror
7:00 AM	LR Chlopecka, Thoma	B2 Provan, Karen	C2 Provan, Jim
SM Kalata, Marcia-		B3 Horzog, Terri-	C3 Kigin, Billie-
B2 Kalata, Marcia-		B4 Gloich, Sharon-	C4 Dunkovich, Alice-
B3 Hault, Helen		B5 Garska, Elizabeth-	C5 Schump, Cathy-
B4 Hault, William		B6 Burke, Kevin-	C6 Koch, Barbara-
B5 Malby, Terry-			
B6 Hinton, Geri-			
8:00 AM	LR Chapoy, Mariene-		
SM Micak, Judy	C1 Kwak, Tecla		
B2 Doria, Annalyse-	C2 Anfield, Theres-		
B3 Ward, Laura-	C3 Curnutt, Rose-		
B4 Micak, Dan	C4 Micak, Judy		
B5 Karch, Terri	C5 Karch, John		
B6 Stamm, Barbara	C6 Stamm, Richard		

Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed...Margaret Jean Pacholski to Our Parish Family.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:
...Joseph George Kutta
...Margaret Cuccia, mother of Carolyn Novosad
...Leona Luczak, mother-in-law of Donna Luczak
...Bernard Phelan, brother of Sr. Jean Phelan
...Genowefa Boduch
...Sharon Jackson, wife of Jerome
...Jozef Slowik, husband of Claire