# Congratulations to the St. Cletus 2006 First Communion Class!

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## Fr. Marshall's Musings

**Reminder:** There will be an open meeting for all parishioners in Morrissey Hall on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00pm. Mr. Thomas Brennan, Director of Finance for the Archdiocese of Chicago, will present the results of the audit that the Archdiocese conducted concerning the finances of St. Cletus Church. All are welcome to attend.

I enjoy the reflection from the Magnificat Prayer Book and want to share that with you this Fifth Sunday of Easter.

## Worthwhile Fruit of the Vine By Saint Gregory Palamas

The invisible serpent, the originator of evil, is inventive, versatile, and extremely skillful in contriving wickedness. He has means to hinder our good purposes and actions as soon as they begin. But if he fails to prevent them initially, he sets up other devices by which he can render them useless once they are underway. If he is unable to make them worthless when they are halfway to completion, he knows other tricks and ways to invalidate them even once they are finished, and makes them a source not of reward but of harm to all but the most careful. First of all he points out how laborious and difficult to accomplish virtue is. In this way he fills us with laziness and despair, as though we were attempting difficult and impossible things and were therefore incapable of putting our intentions into action. Then he engenders disbelief in the rewards which God has promised to those who struggle.

But we, brethren, should rise above this trap by our soul's courage, eagerness, and faith. We should bear in mind the fact that just as the earth cannot yield worthwhile fruit without labor, so the soul cannot acquire anything which pleases God or leads to salvation without spiritual struggles. But while it is possible to find earth which is unsuitable for cultivation, every human soul is naturally suited to virtue. As we are all unavoidably condemned, however, by the judgment given against our Forefather, to live by, labor and toil, let us turn necessity into an honor and willingly offer to God what is ours not by our own will. Let us give up transitory things in exchange for things that endure, and receive what is beneficial in exchange for what is harmful, transforming short-lived toil into a means to gain eternal ease. If we labor here for the sake of virtue we shall certainly attain to the rest promised in the age to come. He who promised is trustworthy and is at hand to help all who readily take on the struggle for virtue. If he who can do all things gives us his help, is anything impossible to achieve?

Fr. Patrick Marshall

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mothers are the hearts of their families. On this Mother's Day, as we honor and celebrate the love and dedication of our mothers, I ask you to remember and help mothers whose lives are made more difficult and whose hearts are broken by the pain of poverty.

I ask you to support the life-giving work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago by participating in the annual Mother's Day Appeal. Each year Catholic Charities in Cook and Lake counties provides needed social services and feeds, clothes, shelters and counsels 870,000 low-income, hungry, homeless or troubled families, children, seniors and individuals.

Founded in 1917 to feed the hungry and care for widows, orphans and unwed mothers and their children, the majority of Catholic Charities' 168 programs at 157 locations still reach out to compassionately help vulnerable women and children, and poor families struggling to survive.

Today, 250 people, seventy-five percent of whom are children, are living in Catholic Charities' four family shelters. This past year, over 250 apartments have been found and furnished to permanently house formerly homeless families who are now working toward self-sufficiency and renewed human dignity in Catholic Charities programs – including families who survived Hurricane Katrina.

With the saving love of a mother, Catholic Charities annually provides maternity services, food, counseling, recovery and other emergency services for thousands of low-income women and their infants and children.

These are just a few of the comprehensive services Catholic Charities offers to poor mothers and children with your help. Please be generous. When you open your hearts to support Catholic Charities, you are fulfilling Christ's mandate to the Church and to each of us, his followers, to care for the poor. Thank you.

May you and your families have a blessed Mother's Day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

Archbishop of Chicago

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend Help Our Moms

Help Catholic Charities continue working human miracles in the months ahead. Support their annual Mother's Day Appeal this weekend, May 13/14. Envelopes are available in the pews today. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Thank you!

#### Reminder for Today...

## The St. Cletus Committee for Respect Life Activities is hosting its <u>Fifteenth</u> annual – Mother's Day Baby Shower and Carnation Sale.

Place your baby gifts in the BASKETS in the church foyer. Donations will be distributed to needy mothers in our own parish community and to Catholic Charities Centers.

Stop by the tables in the foyer to buy your **Mother's Day Carnation,** still only \$1.

Karen & Mike McDonnell, Coordinators for the Baby Shower and Carnation Sale Marianne & Wayne Hamilton, Coordinators Committee for Respect Live Activities St. Cletus Parish (708) 579-0118

#### (1) Attention! Religious Education Families

Please register now for 2006-07 Classes! Registration forms were mailed out to all of our current Religious Education Families. These completed forms and your deposit may be returned in person or via mail. NEW families or families with new students are asked to call or stop by the religious education office or go to the parish website at www.stcletusparish.com to print out registration forms.

#### (2) We Need You!

Last weekend a list of the 2005-06 catechists were printed in the Canticle. Unfortunately, not all of these catechists are returning for 2006-07. What have YOU done to help YOUR PARISH? If you would like to serve as a catechist or a substitute catechist in our Sunday morning or Monday evening programs, call the R.E. office at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl
Director of Religious Education

#### Welcome New Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. John Acke, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Clancy, Mrs. Suzanne Halpin & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Frank E. Hollman, William L. Kallal, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Robert Maloy, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mungo & Family, Crystal Reimann & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Erik Ryan & Family, Schultz/Grant Family, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Stec & Family, and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wirtz and Family. If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, please consider the commitment of parish membership.

#### Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Adrianne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, 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, Judy Hofstetter, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolicki, Mary O'Rourque, 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.

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Cletus Golf Outing 18<sup>th</sup> Hole Scramble Men's, Women's & Mixed Couples

The St. Cletus Athletic Association is sponsoring its fifth annual golf outing on Friday, June 23, at the Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. The price of the outing is \$125 for 18 holes of golf with cart, snack and buffet dinner with an open bar. For an additional \$10, round trip bus service is available to and from the golf course and St. Cletus. ALL St. Cletus parishioners, their friends, and families are invited to attend. All proceeds benefit the St. Cletus Athletic Association to help offset the cost of running the athletics and intramural programs at St. Cletus.

For further information or to reserve a foursome or spot, please contact Dave or Jeanne Kelly, (708) 354-4625, or Angela Franklin at (708) 785-9009. For online reservations, please use the following link to register - www.stcletusschool.com.

Please send your payments to: St. Cletus Athletic Association, c/o Dave Kelly, 811 Hilberry Ct., La Grange, IL 60525. Thank you.

St. Cletus Athletic Association

#### Lector and Auxiliary Ministers!

...Schedules are available for pickup in the Minister's Room.

Carol Pogar Liturgist

#### Stewardship

Lord of Life, we are grateful for the gift of Mothers who were chosen by You for us; who have shared with us not only life but a multitude of gifts and talents. Our Mothers were our first examples of selfless givers, let us learn from their example and apply it to our life with Christ, as a good steward of Christ.

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 the rectory office, (708) 352-6209.

#### May 7

Budgeted revenue: \$32,000
Collection Received: 31,033
Shortfall last week: - 967

Revenue to budget

Shortfall for this fiscal year: - 8,364
# of envelopes mailed: 3,187
# of envelopes returned: 971

Thank you for your continued support. 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.

#### Attention: St. Cletus Families

St. Cletus Family School Association is publishing a cookbook. All profits benefit our school children. We need your favorite recipes! Please enter one or more of your favorite recipes as soon as possible. Make sure your family is represented!! Please carefully print your recipe on the forms available in the vestibule and submit only one recipe per form. There will be a box labeled Cookbook Recipes to drop the recipe forms from now until May 31, 2006, or you may e-mail your recipe to Cookbook@stcletusparish.com.St.Cletus FSA appreciates your participation.

#### Gratitude

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.

-Cicero

## St. Cletus School - Annual Plant Sale May 1 - May 31

### St. Cletus School Plant Sale - Vern Goer's Greenhouse 5620 South Oak - Hinsdale

(one block west of County Line Rd., and one block south of 55th Street)

Name
Amount of Sale \$
Amount of Sale \$

## Mass Intentions for the Week of May 15 - through May 21

Day	Time	Intention		
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Elsie Wagner, Marjorie Burke, Celeste Klees, Laverne Phillips, Johnston Family, Special Intention		
Tuesday	8:00am	Jozef Slowik, Evelyn Weaver, Louis J. Kadlec, Ed Condon, Camilo Gomez-Ferreria		
Wednesday	8:00am	Francis Cirrincione, Angela Clifford, John Fisher, Howard Madsen, Annette Woickus		
Thursday	8:00am	Marcie Johnston, Gerry Jackson, Florence Curtis, Leo J. Hart, Bob Cowdrill, Stella Kadlec		
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Frances Butkus, Maurice Garvey, Erik Geyer, Joseph Jiganti		
Saturday	5:00pm	People of St. Cletus		
Sunday	7, 8, 9:30, 11am	People of St. Cletus		

## Altar Servers May 20/21

5:00pm - C. Madden, K. Kelliher, H. Heim

7:00am - K. Baro, M. Micek, S. Lenz

8:00am - J. Newman, A. Driscoll, B. Okkema

9:30am - R. Bogolin, T. Christopher, J. Flach

11:00am - T. Callahan, B. Kelley, D. Clarke

## Wedding Banns (1)

Nicole Mikowski and Jesse Castillo Laura Holdman and Dan Lieber Nancy Overholt and David Nobile

## 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2:30pm, at Holy Name Cathedral, 751 N. State St., Chicago.

Couples married in 1956 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact the rectory office, (708-352-6209), by June 7 to register. For further information, call the Family Ministries Office, (312-751-8351) or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, May 2	9:30 AM		Hagen, Ken-	
5:00 PM  SM Burke, Jack B2 Micek, Judy B3 Nicosia, Christine- B4 Burke, Ruth B5 Severino, Laurie- B6 Richards, Marge-	LR Spizzirri, Susan (1) Pavlik, Laretta (2) Micek, Dan (3) Andrews, Diane- (4) Burke, Jack (5) Sheridan, Erin- (6) Hockman, Susan-	SM Opila, Margo B2 Horak, Veronica- B3 Kunkel, JoAnn- B4 Opila, Andy B5 Dillane, Jennifer- B6 Meuwissen, Jean- 11:00 AM	(1 (2 (3 (4 (5 (6	Doria, Annalyse- Farnsworth, Vick Hullinger, Shirley Opila, Margo Dalsin, Pat-
Sunday, May 21	SM Samuelson, Debra- B2 Hoskins, William	(1 (7	Keating-Gay, Sus Hoskins, Celine	
7:00 AM  SM McCartney, Sandro B2 McCartney, Sandro B3 Hinton, Geri- B4 Mezan, Mary Ann- B5 Fahey, Ann- B6 Soldat, Mary Rita-	·	B3 Heyes, Stuart B4 Nash, Sheila- B5 Ficaro, Jennie- B6 Provan, Jim	C3 C4 C5 C6	Heyes, Marlene Samuelson, Debri Schump, Cathy- Provan, Karen
8:00 AM	LR Kuchta, Ann-			
SM Stamm, Richard B2 Stopka, Sharon- B3 Parlier, Jon B4 Stamm, Barbara B5 Anfield, Therese- B6 Bliss, Georgio	C1 Hogue, Kay- C2 Walsh, Mary Jane C3 Parlier, Denise C4 Stamm, Richord C5 Welch, Jerry- C6 Soban, Jackie			

#### Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...Edward Cherry, father of Lori Powers

#### Be an Instrument for Peace

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Prayer for Peace Service on Friday, May 19, 7:00pm, in the Chapel at 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park.