

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00p

Sunday: 7:00a, 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a, 6:00p (Spanish)

Evening Before Holy Day: 7:00p

Holy Days

6:30a, 8:00a, 9:00a

Monday - Saturday

8:00a

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the rectory office at 708-352-6209.

WEDDINGS

Dates & times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

HOME / HOSPITAL VISITATION & COMMUNION CALLS

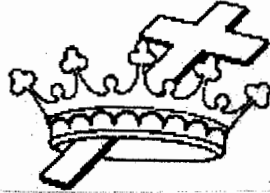
Please contact the Ministry of Care office at 708-352-4834

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 PM

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

CHRIST THE KING



Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and the end of our liturgical year. Next week we will begin again with the first week of Advent. I don't know about you, but it is hard for me to believe that another year has come and gone. I have heard that it is a sign of getting older when you start to notice that more and more time seems to just fly by. Maybe it is a sign that, through age, wisdom helps us to recognize that time in this world is relatively short for all of us.

The readings today remind us that in the end Christ will return with great power and glory and we will stand before the throne of justice. We do not know the day or the hour. The question for you and I as we conclude this liturgical year is if the Lord returned today at this hour would he find us ready? Have we used this time well? Have we been faithful followers of His gospel message? Have we been instruments of His peace? Have we truly loved one another? Would He recognize Himself in us?

As we celebrate this great feast and conclude this liturgical year let us pray that we, as followers of Christ, live each minute and each hour as if it were our last. Let us recommit ourselves this minute, this hour, this day, this new liturgical year to truly be Christ to one another. Indeed Christ is truly our King who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

ADVENT 2006

Next Sunday we begin again with the first Sunday of Advent. Our parish theme for this advent is "St. Cletus Parish—Journey of Hope." We will spend this next four weeks praying and reflecting on the concepts of Fairness, Honesty, Charity, and Gratitude in anticipation of our celebration of Christmas. May we walk together throughout advent on the path that will lead us directly to Jesus the Christ.

Blessings and Prayers on this Feast of Christ the King,

Fr. Bob



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Kings and kingdoms may be outside the usual experience for most of us, but victory surely isn't. We are a society of competitors. Sometimes the competition gets so fierce that we are willing to win at all costs — even by cheating, hurting another, or seeking personal glory at the expense of the good of all. Jesus is a gentle competitor. He came, called followers, forgave, healed, drove out demons, preached, taught, and confronted his enemies. In all this, it was gradually revealed who he truly is and then, he went gently and willingly to his death. His victory, that we celebrate this Sunday, isn't one of armies or raw power. His victory didn't win him a quickly forgotten medal or quickly spent bonus; his victory won him the crown of eternal glory.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we clearly see that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. His kingdom is not a special place in this world, but an interior identity defined by our relationship to Christ the King. We celebrate Christ as worthy of our worship because he has been the "faithful witness" who "freed us from our sins by his blood." He persevered through our misunderstanding and our sometimes blank stare. He trusted us enough to send us out on his very mission. And he died for us.

This solemnity invites us to renew our commitment to serve Jesus with all our hearts. It invites us to recommit ourselves as self-giving disciples and to remember that we are God's kingdom already. Today, we are once again called to fall in love with our King, that gentle competitor, who won eternal life for us. And, today, we are reminded that God's reign includes people like Pilate and people like ourselves. Power and kingship speak to us. They are present whenever anyone is willing to stand in witness — as Jesus stood — for the truth that God is not only above all, but in all.

If someone should ask us, as Pilate asked Jesus, "What have you done?" would our answer come quickly and surely — "We have served our King"?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2006

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 —
 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!



SOVEREIGNTY AND GLORY AND
 KINGLY POWER WERE GIVEN TO HIM, SO
 THAT ALL PEOPLE AND NATIONS OF
 EVERY LANGUAGE SHOULD SERVE HIM
 DANIEL 7:14

Welcome Sunday - Next Weekend

Welcome to all St. Cletus newcomers. Registration is available next weekend, December 2/3, after the 5:00pm Saturday Mass and the 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am Sunday Masses. Please stop by the back of church and say hello, and become members.

St. Cletus Blood Drive SUNDAY!

There is a Blood Drive Sunday in Morrissey Hall from 8:00am until 12:00 noon. All are welcome, including walk-ins. The need is great so do a wonderful community service – and **DONATE BLOOD TODAY.**

Clare Slowik – Parish Nurse

Advent Giving Tree



Adult volunteers are needed to transport gifts down to St. Agatha's Parish in Chicago on Sunday, December 10, around 2:45pm. If you have a van or truck, please consider helping out. Give me a call at (708) 352-4641 to volunteer, or for further information. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford
Social Concerns

Attention: Ministers of Care

Minister of Care schedules are available for pickup in the Minister's Room this weekend. Please remember to stop by for your copy. Thank you.

Dolores Wouk
Minister of Care Coordinator

"Favorites for All Seasons"

The parish cookbook is available this weekend after every Mass. This is a great gift for the holidays, house warming, or for any occasion. Cookbooks are \$15. All the funds raised from this event will go to St. Cletus School and is sponsored by the St. Cletus Family School Association. Thank you for your support.

Holy Name Christmas Party

Our annual Usher and Holy Name Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 1, at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant in Broadview. Cocktails with a cash bar will be served at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:00pm. If you have not yet signed up but would like to attend, please do so in the Minister's Room in church. Please bring a gift for the grab bag. Thanks!

Leisure Loafers



(1) Greetings of the Season! We are planning our annual Christmas luncheon on December 7, at the Flame Restaurant, Brainard Avenue and Joliet Road, at 12:00 noon.

The cost for members is \$20 and for guests \$22. You will have a choice of entrees, Butt Steak, Chicken Limone or Orange Roughy. You will be asked for your preference that day. The deadline for reservations is December 1. Please call Alice at (708) 354-7054 or Mary at (708) 246-0340.

Do plan to come! It is a pleasant afternoon and is a good chance to wish everyone a beautiful Christmas. May it be a pleasant one for all!

(2) New Year's Eve at Noon! We are also planning to celebrate New Year's Eve at noon at Niko's Restaurant, 7600 S. Harlem in Bridgeview. Door opens at 11:30am and you will be entertained for five hours. Cost is \$31, which includes lunch and entertainment with Guy Lombardo style music by the Nelson Big Society Band playing the sweetest music this side of heaven. Reservations and money are needed by December 15. Please call Mary (708) 246-0340 or Alice, (708) 354-7054.

Mary White

Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Task Force for the Archdiocese of Chicago Invites You to Remember



WORLD AIDS DAY
December 1, 2006

World Aids Day is about people getting the facts about HIV/AIDS, getting involved in some way and caring. This international day of action takes place on Friday, December 1. The theme for this year is "Save the Children - Stop AIDS keep the Promise".

Please remember those persons living with HIV/AIDS, their families, loved ones, caregivers, and those millions orphaned by the disease in your prayers

BENDING TOWARDS THE LIGHT

A JAZZ NATIVITY

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

600 W. 55TH ST. LAGRANGE

2:30 P.M. SAT. DEC. 2

JUSTIN SISUL, CONDUCTOR

**WITH: MEMBERS OF THE ST. CLETUS
CHOIRS, BOBBY LEWIS, BOBBY SCHIFF,
JERRY COLEMAN, ANDY TECSON, KEN
JANDES, GAYLE BISESI, DAWN
LAUBER, DAVID MOLNAR, JOHN RUDY**

**FREE WILL OFFERING FOR ST. CLETUS
FOOD PANTRY AND DOWNERS GROVE
WALK IN MINISTRY FOR HOPE**

312-855-4321 FOR INFORMATION

Advent by Candlelight

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*Please join us for
an evening of
reflection,
refreshments
and friendship
as we focus on the
true purpose of
Advent*



- ❧
- Location:** St. Cletus Parish, Room 201
700 W. 55th Street, La Grange
- Date:** Monday, December 4th, 2006
- Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Contact:** If you are interested in attending
or hosting a table of 6 to 8 women
kindly RSVP to Karen McDonnell
by phone at (708) 482-9218 or
by email at mcdonnelljnj@aol.com
- Donation:** Suggested \$10.00 per person

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School News



St. Cletus School offers 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 art, music, physical education, library, and computers as part of the student's schedule. Daily religion classes, service hours, school Masses and a firm and fair discipline code help our students excel. Our athletic program, band, choir, Great Books and Student Council help meet the needs of all students. An aftercare program is available for families who need child care after school hours. 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.

- Currently enrolled school families are registering for the 2007-2008 school year through November 30, 2006.
- Registration will be available for registered parishioners from December 1 through December 22, 2006.
- Open registration for the general population will begin when school resumes on January 8, 2007.

Please call the school office at (708) 352-4820 between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school.

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Mateševac, Joanne Mateš, Adrienne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Dorothy Salvato, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Catherine Meyers, Luigi Iacopetti, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, 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'Rourke,

Mary and Martha



We will again collect and fill gift bags for Briar Place Nursing Home residents for Christmas. We usually prepare 75 bags and we need your help by donating small items for the bags. We can use socks, playing cards, pens, pencils, note paper, bar soaps, shampoo, combs, brushes, toothpaste and tooth brushes, jewelry, small books, puzzle books, lotions, slippers, etc. The home does request **NO** candy, perfumes or shaving lotions due to medical reasons.

Please leave your donation at the rectory marked for Briar Place or Mary and Martha before December 19, as the gifts will be prepared and delivered soon after that.

We thank you again for being so faithful in our endeavor. If you need something picked up, call Virginia at (708) 354-7282 or Mary at (708) 246-0340.

Have a prayerful and healthy Christmas. We thank you and the nursing home thanks you!

Mary White

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament December 4, and every first Monday of the month. Adoration begins immediately after the 8:00am Mass and continues in the church until Solemn Benediction and Evening Prayer at 6:45pm.

Volunteer adorers please keep your usual schedule.

Parish Sharing

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Presentation and Our Lady of Lourdes have been integrated into St. Agatha Parish. In order for this Catholic Community to succeed, they need our help and prayers.


Please continue to be generous with our Sharing Parish(es) the first Sunday of each month.

Due to the early Canticle deadline our collection report for November 19 will be included in the next Canticle.


Mass Intentions for the week

November 27 - December 3

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Angela Clifford, Laverne Phillips, Ramona Mossey, Lorraine & Frank Peck
Tuesday	8:00am	Ludwika Grzelinski, Dunbar Family
Wednesday	8:00am	Celeste Klees
Thursday	8:00am	Amelia S. Baricevich, Bill Magee
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Joseph & Kay Klemak, Nan Rettig, Linda Felice, Karen Gorak, Thomas Cecil, Mary McMahan
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Nancy Battle Scavuzzo, Frank & Lorraine Peck, Catherine Higgins Celina & Pedro Lopez
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Marco & Emilia Rattin, Catherine Higgins Mary Pogar, Catherine Higgins Edward Pilarski, Catherine Higgins, Bennie M. Carnevale Anna Halvax, Lucille Kuchar, Grace Siragusa

Altar Servers 


December 2/3

- 5:00pm - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages
- 7:00am - M. Bruce, A. McQuillan, E. Maldonado
- 8:00am - N. Dentamaro, N. Lobraco, C. Callahan
- 9:30am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher
- 11:00am - M. Garvey, K. Tosheff, C. Mosquera

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

...Frank Lusson, father of Karen King

 **Baptism**

This Past Week We Welcomed...Payton Olivia Casiello, Avery Elisa Jasinski, Chloe Jean Nisbet and Charlotte Frances Schulz to Our Parish Family.

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 02, 2006

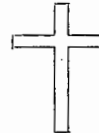
- 5:00 PM**
- LR Okkema, Peter
 - SM Micek, Judy
 - B2 Swindall, Toni
 - B3 Bozec, Betty-
 - B4 Micek, Dan
 - B5 Delaloye, Joe-
 - B6 Bartucci, Carol-
 - C1 Okkema, Ann
 - C2 Swindall, Vic
 - C3 Andrews, Diane-
 - C4 Micek, Judy
 - C5 Ryva, James-
 - C6 Loch, Lon-

9:30 AM

- LR Dalsin, Pal-
- SM Koch, Barbara-
- B2 DalPorto, Karen-
- B3 Burke, Kevin-
- B4 Haggerty, Frank-
- B5 Dillane, Jennifer-
- B6 Hagen, Colleen
- C1 Keating-Gay, Sus-
- C2 Schump, Cathy-
- C3 Hullinger, Shirley
- C4 Koch, Barbara-
- C5 Tosheff, Christine
- C6 Hagen, Julie-

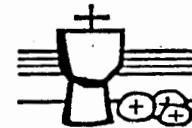
Sunday, December 03, 2006

- 7:00 AM**
- LR Bellisario, Janet-
 - SM Zmuda, Louise
 - B2 Zmuda, Louise
 - B3 Zmuda, Ron
 - B4 Mezan, Mary Ann-
 - B5 Kalata, Marcie-
 - B6 Wouk, Dolores-



8:00 AM

- LR Rapacki, Sandy-
- SM Stamm, Barbara
- B2 Parlier, Jon
- B3 Hogue, Kay-
- B4 Stamm, Richard
- B5 Curatto, Luis-
- B6 Pogar, Carol
- C1 Meade, Maggie-
- C2 Parlier, Denise
- C3 Warren, Catherin
- C4 Stamm, Barbara
- C5 Welch, Jerry-
- C6 Skupien, Kathy



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