

ST. CLETUS CHURCH

Rectory

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WEBSITE EDITION



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

Rev. Robert Clark
Pastor

Rev. Patrick O'Neill
Associate Pastor

Rev. Charles Watkins
Associate Pastor

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Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director / Social Concerns

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Fr. Bob's Utterings

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Paul's letter to the Corinthians tells us today that: "There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." We all have been blessed in the Spirit with different gifts and talents. We have all been called by God to use these talents for His honor and glory and for the good of all of God's people.

Today we celebrate Seminary Sunday in the parish. This is the Sunday that we set aside to remember and recognize the many dedicated priests who serve so faithfully in our parish community. We are so fortunate here at St. Cletus to have three full-time priests assigned to our parish to meet the daily ministerial needs of our parish. We have also been blessed with the additional help of several other priests who regularly assist within the parish. We thank God for His abundant and generous blessing of priests that He has provided for our parish.

Today we were to have a seminarian from our Archdiocesan Seminary at Mundelein here with us. He was to share with us God's call in his life and encourage us all to support our seminary system within the Archdiocese. Unfortunately, I heard just a week ago from the seminary that there were not enough seminarians to speak at each parish that requested one. Therefore, we are not going to hear personally from a seminarian this weekend. I know if one were available to come that he would ask for our continued prayers for vocations and our financial support of our Archdiocesan Seminary System. The fact that we were not able to get a seminarian to speak is an indication of the ever increasing need for us to pray for priestly vocations. I hate to say it but with the amount of priests retiring each year and the amount being ordained we will soon have difficulty in covering all the parishes with priests. Please be generous in both prayers and financial support of our seminaries and seminarians.

Ministry Recognition Sunday/Commitment Sunday

Next Sunday we will recognize all those who are in ministry within our parish community. It will be an opportunity for us as a parish family to thank and bless them for their willingness to answer to God's call to serve His people here at St. Cletus Parish.

I will also be speaking at all Masses next Sunday regarding our call to share our time, talent, and treasure with the Lord. I will report on the current financial situation within the parish and be asking for your continued financial support for our 2007/2008 budget.

*May God Always Bless You Abundantly,
Fr. Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The best for last

Anyone who has ever been to a wedding—and a wedding reception—knows that as the evening wears on, the celebration can, well, change. What starts as a formal event in church ends up with the bride and groom doing the limbo in a banquet hall. Jesus went to weddings, too. At a very important one in Cana, a story told only in the Gospel of John, he first showed a glimpse of who he was: When the wine was running out, he changed about 200 gallons of water into the fruit of the vine. The headwaiter at this party was amazed that the hosts would serve the good vintage last rather than first, and save the cheap stuff for later when people presumably wouldn't care.

God really can change things. Water becomes wine, and we drink the good wine first. The time is now. Remember the transforming power of God when you take the cup of the Eucharist.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;*

John 2:1-11

"Everyone serves the good wine first. But you have kept the good wine until now."

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
Is the world ready yet for the new wine?

When it comes to wine, old is always better. But even the finest wine starts out new. The new wine of the gospel is always bitter at first, but with age it mellows to become a heavenly vintage. America at first resisted the civil rights movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), whose birthday we celebrate today. Racial equality was a new idea bitter to a white majority. But in time it became the vintage of justice for a generation of thoughtful Americans. Today the new wine of justice for immigrants seeks a generation of new wineskins prepared by the call of the gospel.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22*

"No one puts new wine in old wineskins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
In praise of lazy Sundays

While the Pharisees may have overemphasized strict observance of the Sabbath, perhaps we have swung too far in the opposite direction. Look around you on any Sunday afternoon—you'll see people shopping, working, rushing about. And most of us are right in the thick of things. While having options on how to spend our free time is a good thing, what seems to be getting lost is the notion of a qualitative difference in the pace of life, the "quiet Sunday afternoons" of times past. We all need a space in our crowded lives for time apart, time to reconnect with ourselves, our loved ones, and our God. Whatever your own Sunday choices might be, make sure you find a way to "keep holy the Sabbath." After all, as Jesus taught, the Sabbath was designed for our benefit. God doesn't need a day of rest—we do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28*

"The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 FEAST OF ANTHONY, ABBOT
Get up and go

At one point in the gospels, Jesus says, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Saint Anthony, the fourth-century Egyptian

considered the founder of Christian monasticism, would have easily qualified as Jesus' "family." Sitting one day in church, he heard the gospel passage, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Matthew 19:21). He immediately sold what he owned, arranged for the financial support of his sister, gave the rest of his money to the poor, and went into the desert to live as a hermit. Sometimes we need a "here I am Lord" faith that gets up and does the will of God before we can talk ourselves out of it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6*

"Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS

Good news is for sharing

Good news travels fast. The crowds around Jesus came from everywhere, including the wrong side of the river—pagans, by any other name. From the start, Jesus' ministry was not just for established insiders but open to all comers. Which is a good thing, as it turns out, because the insiders seemed unlikely to put their trust in him. Jesus is messy when it comes to his territory. How can we be rigid about ours? Christian Unity Week starts today. Let's pledge to reach across the borders of denominations and not be afraid to get "messy."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12*

"They came to Jesus from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and Tyre and Sidon."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Jesus chooses his teammates

When it comes to Christian unity, Jesus points us in an odd direction by his example. When he calls his 12 closest followers, it's not pretty: Roman collaborators, men smelling of fish, a political agitator, and a thief, among others. Many of these will never distinguish themselves beyond their denial, betrayal, and doubt of the one whom they follow. Why does Jesus make such eccentric choices? We might as well ask why Jesus wants you and me. Jesus calls whom he calls, and if we don't all go to the same church, is that his problem or ours?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19*

"Jesus called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him."

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Get crazy with Jesus

Decide to get healthy—spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally—and your loved ones might think you've gone off your rocker. Try to build bridges, mend fences, reach out to those who are different, love your enemies, be kind to those who persecute you, and there will be no doubt in anyone's mind that you've lost all the good sense you once had. It's no wonder Jesus' family thought he was insane; he saw unity where everyone else saw discord. Do something completely crazy today: Show compassion for those the world condemns.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21*

"People were saying of Jesus, 'He has gone out of his mind.'"

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

This weekend, January 13/14, we celebrate seminary Sunday in all the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. In fact, we celebrate the lives of the many priests who serve you so faithfully each day and those who are preparing to serve you with the same charity in the future. The love of a priest for his people makes present Christ's love for his Church.

As your busy lives unfold each week, good and dedicated priests in your parish continue to say Mass; to baptize your children; to witness marriages; to visit the sick and bury your loved ones. Your priests never stop caring about you, your families and your parish.

Throughout the year, please pray for vocations to the priesthood and for all of our seminarians. Your prayers are a tremendous support for them. Please also take a moment to thank your priests who serve so faithfully each week as they bring the love and healing power of Christ to your faith community. Consider inviting a young man – perhaps one of your own family – to pray for the grace of a vocation to ordained priesthood.

May I take a moment on a personal note to thank each of you, once again, for your prayers and Mass remembrances sent to me during my surgery last year. Your prayers built up the community of faith and, I'm convinced, led me to this moment of good health. I will be forever grateful.

Finally, I pray that God will continue to bestow on you and your family His choicest blessings. You are in my prayers and I ask you to remember me, our priests and seminarians in your prayers each day. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Welcome New St. Cletus Parishioners!

We are pleased to welcome these newly registered parishioners to our parish family: Helen Acke, Elizabeth Arturi and Family, Frank Malinowski, Susan Richardson, Katherine Roberts, Sizemore Family, Gregory & Christine Valpell and Family and Mr. & Mrs. Zielinski.

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not

Church Women United

Our LaGrange/Western Springs annual brunch/meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church, 5250 Wolf Road in Western Springs on Friday, January 19, 9:30am.

Cost is \$5 and the deadline for reservations is January 15. Call Mary White at (708) 246-0340.

A speaker from Head Start will tell us of the latest happenings in their program.

Please join us for brunch and camaraderie.

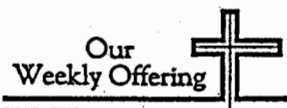
An Urgent Plea to Our Young Adults!!

HELP...I know you are out there! The dates for our overnight Confirmation Retreat (Feb. 24-25) are drawing closer and we still need young adults (21+) for our retreat team. NOW is the time to contact me for details ~marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com, (708) 352-4641 work or (708) 354-0862 home. You will add an important dimension to our sophomore's retreat experience by acting as small group leaders and facilitators...sharing your faith and life experiences with our teens who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring. I guarantee a worthwhile, enjoyable time which will nourish your own spirituality! If you are not a young adult yourself, but know of someone who might be interested, I'd like to hear from you, too. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford
Youth Director

Please Pray for

...our sick in your prayers: Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, 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, 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, Debbie Broz, Scott May, and Jackie Zaccari. Also pray for our parishioners who are



December 31, 2006

Budgeted revenue:	\$29,061
Collection Received:	33,526
Surplus:	4,465
# of envelopes mailed:	3,190
# of envelopes returned:	907

January 7, 2007

Budgeted revenue:	29,061
Collection Received:	30,191
Surplus last week:	1,130
Revenue to budget	
Shortfall for this fiscal year:	- 72,144
# of envelopes mailed:	3,190
# of envelopes returned:	895

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

New Tax Rules Regarding Substantiation Charitable Contributions

Due to recent changes in the tax laws, beginning with contributions made in 2007, parishioners (those who itemize their tax returns) will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or written contribution statement from the parish. Please use a check, direct deposit from your bank account, or your parish envelopes. The parish will track contributions made using parish envelopes, and will produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. Canceled checks and other bank records are also sufficient documentation. The parish cannot track cash contributions not in parish envelopes.

Fiscal 2006 Contribution Statements

All registered parishioners will receive a 2006 contribution statement. Anyone who gave regularly

Roe Vs Wade – 2007

January 22 is the 34th anniversary of Rose vs. Wade when the Supreme Court legalized abortion at any stage. Today 4,400 babies are killed each day by abortion. That is one million six hundred and six thousand each year (1,606,000)!

In the message from our Holy Father, he says: “As you, your Bishops and great numbers of the faithful from throughout the United States gather at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for an end to the tragedy of abortion in your country, I assure you of my spiritual closeness and my sharing in your concern for the continuing holocaust of innocent human lives. This anniversary of the decision which effectively legalized abortion on demand in the United States is a call to people of good will to reflect seriously on the devastating consequences of that step. Now is the time for re-commitment to the building of a culture of absolute respect for life from conception to natural death.”

You can join the National Mass for Life brought to you LIVE from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC at 7:00pm Sunday evening, January 21, over the Eternal Word Television Network EWTN...Comcast Cable Channel 62.


Then on Monday, January 22, at 10:00am, EWTN brings you LIVE complete coverage of the most important pro-life event of the year, the annual **March for Life**.

You'll be a part of it all, interviews with participants from across the U.S., including preeminent, pro-life speakers. Then, follow the March for Life procession up Constitution Avenue, and join the **Rally for Life** at the Washington Monument. *This 5-hour telecast encores at 10:00pm on Monday, January 22 and again at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 23 and again on Thursday, January 25 at 1:00pm...on Comcast Cable Channel 62.*

Wayne & Marianne Hamilton
St. Cletus Parish Respect Life Committee

Thoughts for the New Year

The New Year lies before you
like a spotless tract of snow;
Be careful how you tread on it
for every mark will show.



Mass Intentions for the week
January 15 – January 21

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Mary Berg, Francis Cirrincione, Monika & Anton Mataitis
Tuesday	8:00am	James Popp, Roland Barile
Wednesday	8:00am	Jozef Slowik, Joseph Megla, Lorraine & Frank Peck
Thursday	8:00am	Giovanna & Louis Vieceli
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Jozef Slowik, Kathryn Danielson
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	In gratitude for all those in ministry in our parish In gratitude for all those in ministry in our parish & Mary & Stanley Michniak, Helen & Bruno Blachowicz
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	In gratitude for all those in ministry in our parish In gratitude for all those in ministry in our parish Geraldine Okkema - In gratitude for all those in ministry in our parish In gratitude for all those in ministry in our parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2-18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3-20-21
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19;
 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12,14, 27];
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Altar Servers



January 20/21
 5:00pm - M. Garvey, K. Tosheff, C. Mosquera
 7:00am - A. Pusatera, J. Jaskierski, K. Kages
 8:00am - M. Bruce, A. McQuillan, E.Maldonado
 9:30am - N. Dentamaro, N. Lobraco, C.Callahan
 11:00am - J. Ward, B. Franklin, C. Usher

Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have died and their families:

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 20, 2007

5:00 PM
 LR Goethals, Kyle-
 SM Micek, Judy C1 Guide, Alfreda-
 B2 Burke, Jack C2 Burke, Ruth
 B3 Wouk, Dolores- C3 Fisher, Harry-
 B4 Micek, Dan C4 Micek, Judy
 B5 Beales, Dave C5 Beales, Nadine
 B6 Sipek, Sarah- C6 Andrews, Diane-

9:30 AM

LR Wehrmeister, Rhea
 SM Samuelson, Debra- C1 Severino, Lourie-
 B2 Opila, Andy C2 Opila, Margo
 B3 Meuwissen, Jean- C3 Thuma, Mary-
 B4 Stumreiter, Earl- C4 Samuelson, Debra-
 B5 Williams, Alice- C5 Horak, Veronica-
 B6 Nolan, Jeannine- C6 Reichl, Mickie-

Sunday, January 21, 2007

7:00 AM
 LR Loch, Len-
 SM Zmuda, Ron
 B2 Zmuda, Ron
 B3 Zmuda, Louise
 B4 Sullivan, Patrick-
 B5 Thornton, William
 B6 Thornton, Madeline

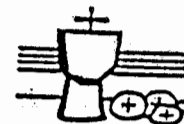


11:00 AM

LR DalPorto, Christian
 SM Curnutt, Rose- C1 DalPorto, Karen
 B2 Kwak, Tecla- C2 Rogan, Janina
 B3 Pravan, Jim C3 Provan, Karen
 B4 Mangahas, Aurora- C4 Curnutt, Rose-
 B5 Brannigan, Rita- C5 Garske, Elizabeth
 B6 Gleich, Sharon- C6 Bolton, Paulette-

8:00 AM

LR Chaney, Marlene-
 SM Kalata, Marcie- C1 Dalsin, Pat-
 B2 Pagar, Carol C2 Skupien, Kathy
 B3 Parlier, Jon C3 Parlier, Denise
 B4 Saban, Jackie- C4 Kalata, Marcie-
 B5 Wiley, Jackie- C5 Caruso, Carole-
 B6 Hague, Kay- C6 Ward, Laura-



Baptism

This Past Week We Welcomed... Kyle Joseph Alpe and Margaret Rose Anderson to Our Parish Family.

Heads Up!

