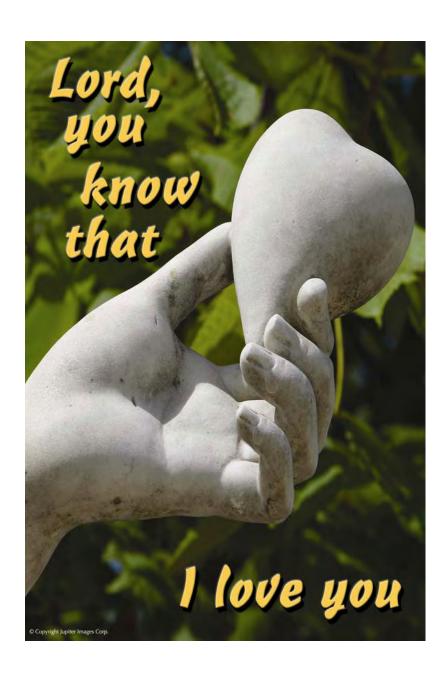


St. Cletus Canticle

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Third Sunday of Easter

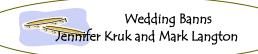


Mass Intentions for the Week of April 23—April 28

Day	Time	Purgatorial Society—Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Haraburda, Marty Mlot, Joseph Johncola, Ed Condon, Anne Grundman			
Monday	8:00am				
Tuesday	8:00am	Sophie Klein, Anne Grundman, Guide Family			
Wednesday	8:00am	Michael Maly, Ruth Wandtke, Anne Grundman, Kadlec Family			
Thursday	8:00am	Peter Sakowicz, Anne Grundman			
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society— Joseph Megla, John & Elsie Wagner, Anne Grundman			
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Catherine Meyers Anne Grundman, Ed Smithy			
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Catherine Meyers Raymond Guadagnino Virginia Shepler Christopher Wyczolkowski, Kathleen Gabriel			

our sick in your prayers: Ron Hofstetter, Robert Orrico, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor,

Rita D'Onofrio, Anthony Regalado, Marilyn Matesevac, Joanne Mate, Adrianne Welenc, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Connie Kostecki, Jonii Patterson, Mary Jean Sternquist, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Rose Ptak, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourque, Debbie Broz, Scott May.



We welcome into our faith community...

Shannon Kelly Rogan
daughter of Paul and Kelly Rogan
Brandi Elizabeth Trzeciak
daughter of Richard and Diane Trzeciak
Lauren Elizabeth Zigmant
daughter of Joseph and Linda Zigmant

Please pray for those who have died and their families.

- ...Jean Kendall, friend of Polanski Family
- ...Alice Voss, sister of Walter Johnson
- ...Judy Hofstetter, wife of Ron Hofstetter

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 28, 2007				_	9:30 AM		Rhea Wehrmeister
SM	5:00 PM Vic Swindall	LR C1	Bill Bolton Betty Bozec	SM B2	Andy Opila Jackie Wiley	C1 C2	
B2	Joe Delaloye	C2	Paulette Bolton	B3	Laurie Severino	C3	Ann Kuchta
В3	Ruth Burke	C3	Jack Burke	B4	Christine Nicosia	C4	Andy Opila
B4	Toni Swindall	C4	Vic Swindall	B5	Margo Opila	C5	Robert Zupanic
B5	Marge Richards	C5	Mickie Reichl	B6	Earl Stumreiter	C6	Paulette Bolton
B6	Rick Chalpecka	C6	Mary Thuma		11:00 AM	LR	Frank Haggerty
Sunday, April 29, 2007			SM	Barbara Koch	C1	Marlene Chaney	
	7:00 AM			B2	Celine Hoskins	C2	Harry Fisher
SM	Marcie Kalata	_		В3	Jennie Ficaro	C3	Irene Drago
B2	Marcie Kalata			B4	Mary Lu Gebka	C4	Barbara Koch
В3	Dave Beales			B5	Aurora Mangahas	C5	Karen Dal Porto
B4	Nadine Beales			В6	Janina Rogan	C6	Paul McCaffray
B5	Carol Pogar						





B6 Kathy Skupien

8:00 AM

B2 William Thornton C2

B4 Sandy McCartney C4

B5 Jackie Saban

Mary Jane Walsh C3

B6 Catherine Warren C6 Georgia Bliss

SM Shirley Hullinger

April 28/29

5:00pm - Brian Kelley, Dylan Roll, John Riccidone,

Kathryn Zebus

LR Ken Loch

Louis Curotto

Madeline Thornton

Annalyse Dorio

Paulette Bolton

Shirley Hullinger

7:00am - To be announced

8:00am - Adam Smith, Mitch Tlusty, Bobby Lively

9:30am - Paige Oboikovitz, Kristen Guidice,

Joey Rodriguez, Brenan Stepuszek

11:00am - To be announced

FR. BOB'S UTTERINGS

Third Sunday of Easter-Rev. 5:11-14

This Third Sunday of Easter we hear from the Book of Revelation in our second reading. John provides us with a magnificent vision of heaven in Rv. 4-5. All creation surrounds and glorifies God on his throne and "a Lamb that seemed to have been slain" (5:6), but who is very much alive. This, of course, is the risen, glorified Jesus who is, together with the Father, the Lord of creation, Lord of history.

The author first relates the special hymn of glory to "the Lamb that was slain." He finds seven (indicating fullness) attributes or themes with which the inhabitants of heaven glorify the Lamb. Then every creature in heaven and earth join together in praising God the Father and the Lamb.

Misinformation exists about Revelation, sometimes called "Apocalypse." Apocalypse does not mean "run for the hills" but rather the uncovering of what was hidden. Revelation's author, John of Patmos, through his writing gives hope in dire times and encouragement for keeping the faith against tremendous odds.

John describes the great heavenly liturgy. The worship offered in heaven is perfect praise to the One (God) seated on the throne and to the Lamb (Christ). There are seven attributes of perfect praise in today's reading from Revelation. The Lamb receives power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing. Those in heaven give everything they've got to offer this perfect praise. In fact the elders might be falling down out of sheer exhaustion as well as adoration. How can we match anything in our worship as compared to the heavenly one?

The Eucharistic liturgy is not something we watch but something we do. The word liturgy itself means "the work of the people." Have you ever thought of what we do here Sunday after Sunday as a sacrifice of praise? How well does our community do its "work" on Sunday? Do we give the Mass our all by our responses, our singing, our listening, our processing, our whole self? If we aren't tired after celebrating Mass, the church's public prayer, then we won't be ready for a heaven where the worship of the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb is continuous and where everybody participates fully.

The Lamb who was slain yet stands is with us still. He is here in this place whenever two or more gather in his name. He speaks to us in his word, and he comes to us who are worshiping in the form of bread and wine. May our whole parish make a commitment to give all we've got in our worship. Otherwise we may feel a bit out of sorts when we reach heaven by God's grace and have to pray with all those worshiping saints in glory.

Etc.

- 1.) Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion are just around the corner. Let us keep all the children of our parish who will receive the grace of these sacraments in our daily prayers.
- 2.) Our entire parish staff spent last Thursday in Milwaukee at a conference on "How we can become a more welcoming parish." St. Cletus Parish is welcoming but we can always become even more welcoming.
- 3.) You will notice a few changes in the Canticle this week and the weeks to come. We have expanded the number of pages and you will begin to see the use of color and graphics throughout the bulletin.
- 4.) The new Parish Pastoral Commission (PPC) is being formulated and hopes to be meeting by May.
- 5.) During these 50 days of Easter we continue to be reminded that "HE IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!" "ALLELUIA!" "PRAISE GOD!"

Easter Blessings and Joy! Fr. Bob



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

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; EARTH DAY Be more green for God's sake

It is our Christian duty to care for God's creatures and all of God's creation—"feed my lambs; tend my sheep"—but we struggle with the task for social, political, and economic reasons, and in the meantime the earth and its people suffer. Pope John II warned in his 2003 "A Pastoral Letter on the Christian Ecological Imperative": "The ecological crisis is also a profoundly religious crisis. In destroying creation we are limiting our ability to know and love God." Certainly that is too high a price to pay for personal comfort or security. Today is Earth Day. Plant a tree as a sign of your desire to know and love God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

"Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these? . . . Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep'."

MONDAY, APRIL 23

FEAST OF ADALBERT, BISHOP, MARTYR

Best-supporting roles

When you think apostle, the original twelve probably come to mind: Peter, John, and the rest. Tradition, however, has also assigned this name to others who, true to the meaning of the word—those God sends—went forth in the name of Christ to spread his gospel to those who had not yet heard it. Saint Boniface, the "apostle of Germany," was one of these "new" apostles, as were people like Saints Cyril and Methodius, the "apostles of the Slavs."

Adalbert, the "apostle to Prussia," was a missionary bishop eventually murdered by a pagan priest who saw him as a threat to business. Being such an apostle may be small potatoes compared with the big twelve, but God sends all of us to bring God's presence wherever we live.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

EASTER WEEKDAY

God feeds us come what may

Who brings home the bacon in your household? You, your spouse, your parents? You're grateful, no doubt, for the opportunity to buy things, pay bills, and maybe even set a little aside for the future. But surely your income isn't the sum total of your blessings. With or without work, you've been showered with love from on high. Remember the true source of your livelihood and sustenance. Give thanks and praise to God first and foremost each morning, and you will never lack the spiritual energy you need to face whatever the day sets before you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

"Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it was my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

I've got good news

Mark was an evangelist—one of the evangelists, actually: a person who got his name put on one of the gospels. In his case, the earliest and shortest gospel and one the other gospel writers relied on for some of their material. As an evangelist, his job was to bring the good news, the gospel, to others. This mission, however, didn't stop with him. It extends to all who hear and believe the gospel. By the example of your life, bring the good news to someone around you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

EASTER WEEKDAY

Wonder-filled bread

First there was the manna from heaven the Israelites were given to save them from starvation in the desert. But the life-giving effects of the manna didn't last forever. Now Jesus offers a new kind of holy bread. It falls from heaven into the desert of human hearts and saves us from spiritual starvation. It satisfies our every pang and desire by filling us with the knowledge that God loves us and desires nothing more than to draw us near. What could be more wonderful than that? If we think money, fame, or control over our destiny tops knowledge of the love of God, then surely we haven't eaten of the bread Jesus offers. Help yourself to a slice today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever."

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

EASTER WEEKDAY; ARBOR DAY; ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY Branch offices

It's Arbor Day in many places: a day to plant trees, care for them, and appreciate the many important things they provide: shade, beauty, fruit, wood, oxygen, and paper, among others. Speaking of paper, it's also Administrative Professionals Day. We may take both trees and administrative professionals for granted, but what would the world be like without them? It is often the people we don't see, those not at the top of the organizational chart or pictured in an annual report, who get the work done that keeps things going. They're the lifeblood of an organization. Show your appreciation for people and things that may go unappreciated but make all the difference.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them."

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

EASTER WEEKDAY; WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY Labor for the kingdom

Workers through the help of social activists, community organizers, trade unions, and government agencies have struggled for the past century to improve working conditions and create safer working environments. But work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths are far from being eradicated. Each year, thousands of workers are killed and millions more harmed on their jobs. Trade unionists around the world mark April 28 as a day of remembrance for workers who have suffered injuries or death at work. The church stands in solidarity with workers and calls all Christians to view their work—whatever their role or rank—as a holy endeavor.

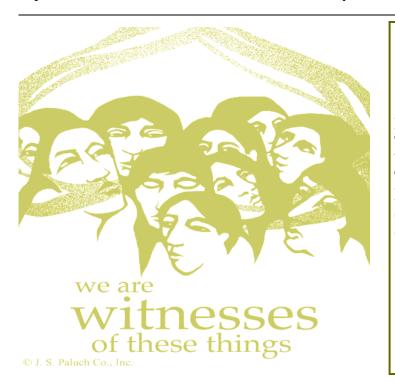
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts of the Apostles 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

"We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100;
Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Encounter God through Reading Scripture!

REDEMPTION

Do you remember Peter on the night Jesus was arrested? He claimed he had never heard of Jesus. Today we are called to join Peter in testifying to the name of Jesus as he does in the first reading, and in proclaiming our love for him as Peter does in the Gospel passage. The powerful imagery of John's vision in the second reading from the book of Revelation shows us the company we keep when we have faith in the name of Jesus. We join all living creatures, "countless in number" from "heaven, earth, under the earth, in the sea; everything in the universe" (Revelation 5:11, 13). The dignity and majesty described in each reading are in stark contrast to the dark and pitiful image of Peter and the other Apostles at the time of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. What a relief that we can all be redeemed so completely! © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter; Earth Day

Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals

Day

Friday: Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Louis Mary de Montfort;

St. Peter Chanel

Third Sunday of Easter April 22, 2007

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

— Revelation 5:12

St. Cletus Women's Club is BACK!

If you would like to feel more connected to your parish community or would like to participate in charitable and social events, well, we have the answer for you...the Women's Club is open to all adult women who are registered members of the parish. Events being considered: •Fall social • Nine-hole golf outing •Movie night •Food drive •Spa evening • Mother's Day walk •Luncheon/Fashion show.

If you would like to hear more information, recommend an event, offer some feedback or get involved, call:Tricia Amonson, 352-9466, amonson946@comcast.net: Kelly Machaj, 579-1392, kmachaj23@msn.com: Diane Burke, 352-9773, patdiburke@comcast.net or Patty Burke, 352-1778, burke-patty@sbcglobal.net.

Adult Catechism Study

The next session of the Adult Catechism Study will further discuss the meaning of the Creeds of the Catholic Faith. The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24, 7:00pm, Room 213 in the Education Building. All are welcome. Catechisms will be available. Information: Call Rita at (708) 352-3374.



Sunday, May 27, 2007

Blood donors of all types are needed every day—for critically ill patients, accident victims, people needing surgery and those suffering chronic diseases such

as cancer and leukemia. More than 1,000 donors are needed on a daily basis just to meet the needs of patients in the LifeSource service area. Each unit of blood can be separated into the following components - red blood cells, plasma and platelets - so a single unit of blood may help save lives of up to three patients.

There will be a blood drive at St. Cletus on Sunday, May 27, 2007 - **Mark the date on your calendar!** More details will be posted in the Canticle in the coming weeks.

Clare Slowik

Words and Deeds

When people hear us speak God's word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

-Second-Century Christian

Holy Name Invites Men to Coffee after Mass on St. Cletus' Feast Day...

To celebrate the feast of St. Cletus, the Holy Name Society invites its members and other parish men to coffee and donuts after the 8:00am Mass on Thursday, April 26, at a nearby restaurant. HNS officers will provider details in the church vestibule after Mass.

Jim Matthews HNS President

Can You Help?

The annual Post Office Food Drive will take place on Saturday, May 12, with our food pantry able to pick up donations at the La Grange Post Office that afternoon from 3:00-5:00pm. If you are able to help us transport these items to our food pantry, would you please contact me at (708) 352-4641, or email Marybeth.ford@stcletusparish.com? Thank you.

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns



April 15

Budgeted revenue: \$29,061 Collection received: 23,925 Shortfall last week: - 5,136

Revenue to budget

Shortfall for this fiscal year: - 111,914
Of envelopes mailed: 3,291
Of envelopes returned: 803
Thank you for your continued financial support.

We Are Having Bible Study! St. Cletus Parish Invites Children to a Fiesta: Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus!

This year our Parish is jumping with excitement as we have a Fiesta, a special VBS program created especially for Catholic children in our community. Our Fiesta program will provide fun and memorable scripture-based activities for kids 5-9 years old. Each day kids will sing songs, play teamwork-building games, share Maraca Munchies, take on a Daily Challenge to celebrate Jesus' love, experience interactive Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory-Buddies and People of Faith Cards, and create fun crafts to take home and use all summer long.

Fiesta is an exciting way for kids to learn more about their faith. Plus, kids will participate in a hands-on-project that will help children show Jesus' love to others.

Fiesta begins on June 18, 9:00am, and continues through June 22. Class size is limited to 40 students. Cost is \$25.

Become a member of the Fiesta Team! We are looking for adults, young adults, high school and junior high students to join us as leaders for our Bible School Fiesta! If you are interested, please call the Religious Education Office at (708) 352-2383.

Pat Kahl, Director of Religious Education

Food Pantry Update

Thanks to your generosity we were able to serve 116 families in April's food distribution. Our clients continue to express their deep appreciation for the help and hope we give them. We are now in the process of restocking our pantry shelves in anticipation of our May Food Pantry and once again ask your help. Please continue to remember us as you do your family grocery shopping:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially our staples of rice and dry pinto beans; peanut butter & jelly; soup & meals in a can; tuna & macaroni & cheese; pasta and pasta sauce; canned fruits and vegetables; cereal and paper products.
- Besides our staple items we also include one "special item" in each of our pre-packed family bags. This may be a condiment, packets of noodle or rice and sauce, crackers and cookies.
- We also have a "specials table" from which our clients choose one or two items to supplement their staples. Some favorites include coffee, oatmeal, juice or soft drinks, diapers, toiletries, laundry detergent and dish washing soap.
- Remember to check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods which we cannot use.
- These items can be dropped off in the church vestibule on the tables provided in the former baptistry.
- The Food Pantry distributes groceries from the vestibule of the church on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30-8:30PM. Our next distribution will be May 10.

Mary Beth Ford, Director of Social Concerns

Gift Cards Available Through the Manna Program

We will be offering gift cards/certificates for purchase through the MANNA Program after all Masses next Saturday and Sunday, April 28/29, in the church vestibule. "Manna" is a convenient way to purchase gift certificates for several stores without the hassle of driving and waiting in long lines. Consider buying Home Depot and Menard gift cards for your Spring home improvement projects. MANNA is an ongoing fundraising program offered weekly through the St. Cletus FSA. The FSA purchases these gift cards at a discount, sells them at face value and the difference is the profit for St. Cletus School. Order forms will be available at the MANNA table on the day of the purchase. Any questions, please call Caryn Dombro at (630) 789-8560 or Lisa Heim at (708) 354-4257.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Information Meeting

Monday, April 30, 7:00pm St. Francis Xavier Rectory 124 North Spring Avenue La Grange, IL (708) 352-0168

All are welcome!

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

11:00 AM, 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Monday: 8:00am Tuesday: 8:00am Wednesday: 8:00am Thursday: 8:00am Friday: 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00 PM Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 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 (215-5407)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45 PM

Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 8:00am-7:00pm **Tuesday:** 8:00am-7:00pm Wednesday: 8:00am-7:00pm **Thursday:** 8:00am-7:00pm 8:00am-7:00pm Friday: **Saturday:** 9:00am-7:00pm 8:00am-1:00pm **Sunday:**

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