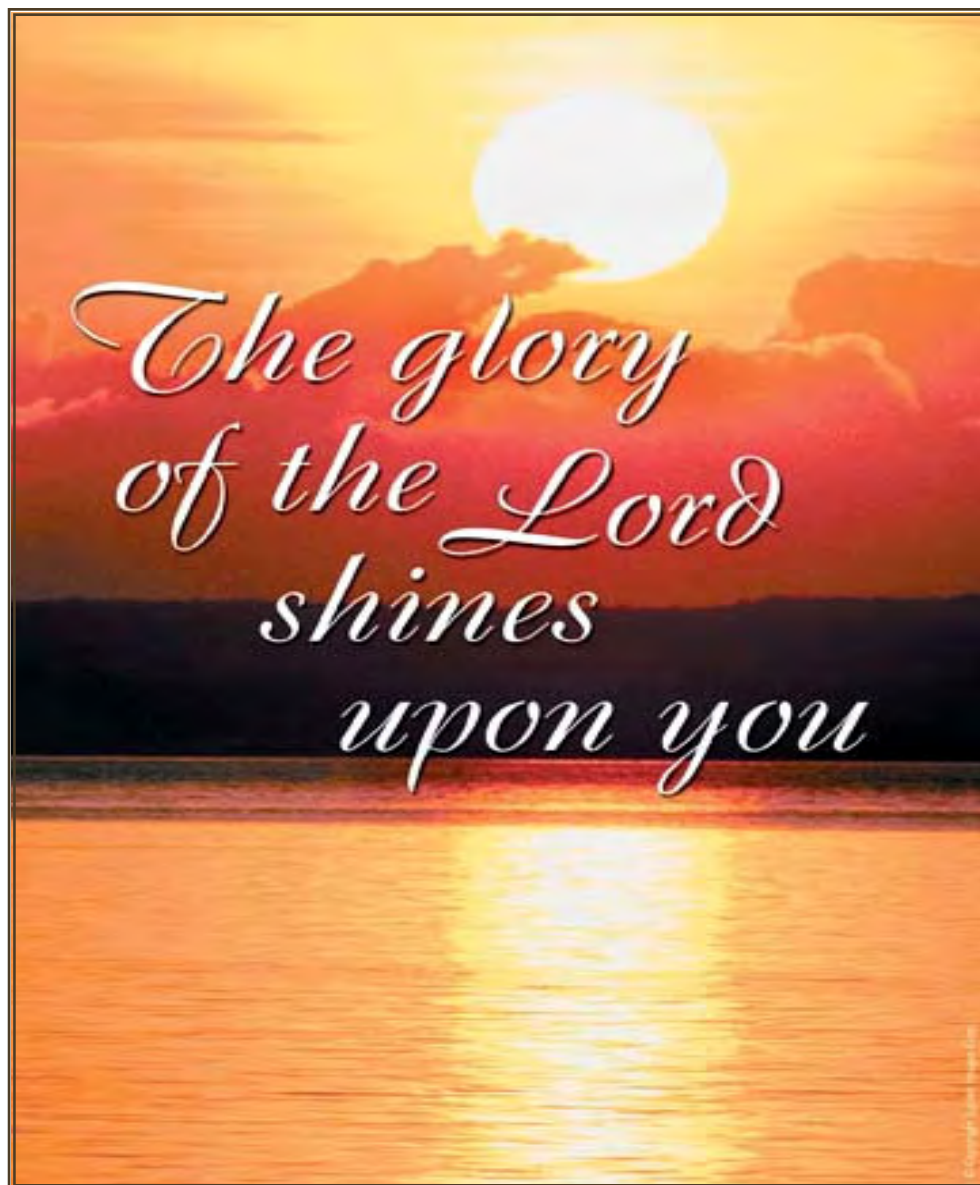


St. Cletus Canticle

January 6, 2008

The Epiphany of the Lord



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Mass Intentions for the Week of January 7 - January 13, 2008

Day	Time	Intention
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - James Cap
Tuesday	8:00am	Eugene Lynn
Wednesday	8:00am	Florence Curtis, Robert Suchy, Charles Palumbo, Theresa Bertulli
Thursday	8:00am	William Kallal
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society , Joseph Megla
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	People of St. Cletus Ed Smithy, Ola Maveety, IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL THOSE IN MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL THOSE IN MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH Frank Baggio - IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL THOSE IN MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH Special Intention for the Lewis Family IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL THOSE IN MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH Michael Lobraco, Michael Krugman, Rose Ann Kozelka, Helen Pach IN GRATITUDE FOR ALL THOSE IN MINISTRY IN OUR PARISH

January 12/13



5:00pm - A. Anfield, A. Boland, T. Ruggiero
 7:00am - K. Pikul, D. Roll, N. Magats
 8:00am - J. Riccione, C. Usher, D. Bendyk
 9:30am - S. Rhoads, T. Murphy, M. Flannery
 11:00am - B. Kelly, S. Patterson, B. Lively

Auxiliary Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 12, 2008

5:00 pm	
SM Wiley, J	LR Goethals, K
B2 Benkert, K	C1 Severino, L
B3 Loch, L	C2 Benkert, J
B4 Rotuno, P	C3 Koch, B
B5 Kensek, M	C4 Wiley, J
B6 Thuma, M	C5 Reichl, M
	C6 Ward, L

9:30 am	
SM McCaffrau, P	LR Haggerty, F
B2 Dunkovich, A	C1 Doria, A
B3 Burke, K	C2 Nolan, J
B4 Stumreiter, E	C3 Dillane, J
B5 Blecic, D	C4 McCaffray, P
B6 Maday, J	C5 DalPorto, K
	C6 Meuwissen, J

Sunday, January 13, 2008

7:00 am	
SM Karch, J	LR Chlapecka, T
B2 Karch, J	
B3 Karch, T	
B4 Zmuda, R	
B5 Hinton, G	
B6 Meade, M	

11:00 am	
SM Samuelson, D	LR Reynolds, C
B2 Provan, K	C1 Herzog, T
B3 Heyes, M	C2 Provan, J
B4 Kunkel, J	C3 Heyes, S
B5 Hoskins, C	C4 Samuelson, D
B6 Severino, S	C5 Gebka, M L
	C6 Augustyn, R



8:00 am	
SM Hagen, C	LR Staelgraeve, M
B2 Bliss, G	C1 Samuelson, D
B3 Hogue, K	C2 Nicosia, C
B4 Hagen, J	C3 Kalata, M
B5 Ford, M B	C4 Hagen, C
B6 Kuchta, A	C5 Kwak, T
	C6 Kigin, B



Please pray for those who have died and their families:



- † *Eleanore Jarosz*
Mother of Eugenia Callison
- † *Karen Wilson*
- † *Barbara Lezak*
- † *Jonni Patterson*
Sister of Dick (Shirley)
Radom

May God grant them Eternal Rest.

Welcome Sunday Registration This Weekend!

If you have been attending St. Cletus, but have not yet registered as a parishioner, registration is available this weekend, after all Masses. Stop by, say hello, and become members.



Notes from Father Bob...

Feast of the Epiphany

Religious conflict has a long and tragic history; we think of the Crusades, persecution at the time of the Reformation, conflict between Jew and Christian, violence and bloodshed between Hindu and Muslim. These conflicts indicate the deeper conflict within the human heart; pride, the desire for power and wealth, the need for superiority and identity over others. Often this leads to a person of a different color or creed being treated as a scapegoat. The insecurity of the human heart needs external supports and earthly victories.

Jesus reveals a different meaning for human life. The hope of the message of peace, which is proclaimed to the shepherds, may seem distant and ideal. However, the disciple is called to the life described in the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. It is a call to accept the distinctiveness of other people, to respect them. The disciple is called to love, which goes beyond liking, but demands treating the other with respect and dignity. The poor in spirit, the meek, the humble and those who hunger and thirst for what is right will share in the Kingdom of God.

Peace can come only through self-sacrifice, through living with the cross. Peace will demand treating the other as an equal and with respect. This is difficult and requires a change of attitude. Only in the cross, in the mystery of death and resurrection, can this occur. To hear the plea of the other person, to try and understand their viewpoint, can be the beginning of a journey of reconciliation. Although we might despair that peace is unachievable, St. Paul's life shows how the power of God is active in human weakness.

God's plan is greater than any human plan; we can take hope in Paul's life and conversion. Epiphany gives an impetus to the journey of reconciliation because Christ is revealed as a light for all peoples.

New Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Next Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass I will have the pleasure of formally installing our very first Parish Pastoral Council. This, indeed, is a wonderful milestone in the continuing development of our parish community. It will be with great pride that we will welcome these wonderful leaders of our parish community as they move forward in guiding our parish into the future. Each one of the members of our new council are involved and committed members of this faith community and have been serving and continue to serve in roles of ministry within the parish. They truly are about doing the work of the Lord.

Let us keep each one of them in our thoughts and prayers as they work so diligently to guide us into a future filled with the Spirit of God and the message of the Gospel. We thank God for their dedication and commitment to His people here at St. Cletus Parish. May God bless them abundantly for their efforts in ministry.

Peace of the New Year Always!!!

*Love,
Fr. Bob*



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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Seek and you shall find

Herod was full of passion when he sent the magi in search of the child of promise. Of course, Herod had a brutally wrong intention but the right idea. Finding Jesus is the most important task any of us will undertake. For some, it involves growing into the fullness of a faith we inherited. For others, it's a lifelong quest of wandering, doubting, asking, and failing until we finally kneel before the King of Peace. How we get there is less vital than actually getting there. Take the journey!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12*

"Herod sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child.' "

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

FEAST OF RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST

And for your penance . . .

What if you went to confession and for your penance the priest assigned you a book to write? This actually happened to Raymond of Peñafort (1175-1275), who felt that his life as a university teacher had been too soft and easy. When he asked his Dominican superiors to give him a harsh penance in retribution, they asked for a book to guide confessors. Later, in the "creative confessions" department, Raymond found himself the pope's own confessor. He assigned the pope the penance of swiftly hearing and expediting all petitions of the poor! Be creative in repenting, but be sure to repent.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25*

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

See God and love

No one, scripture says, has seen God and lived. But of course scripture also tells of numerous encounters with God in which a human member of the cast came away without being reduced to a pair of smoking sandals. Today it's not impossible to see God either: in other people, who are made in the image and likeness of God and carry God's spirit in them like a temple, to use Saint Paul's metaphor; in the sacraments, which make God present in a special way, especially in the Eucharist; in prayer, where we give expression to our relationship to God.

Perhaps the most powerful way to pick up on the presence of God, though, is through love—in particular the kind of self-giving love that God has for creation, that Jesus has for the world. Where there is that kind of love, there God is.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44*

"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Walk on

The disciples were terrified at the sight of Jesus walking on water. Indeed, God's power as evidenced in Jesus' miracles may seem terrifying, perhaps because the display of mastery over the forces of

nature reminds us of our own limitations. None of us would last a minute trying to walk on water—but is that because of our physical limitations or because of our faith limitations? In the gospel story, Peter actually does manage to take a few steps across the water toward Jesus, until he focuses on his own fears instead of Jesus' invitation. Bad move for Peter—and for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52*

"But immediately Jesus spoke to them, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' "

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

MUHARRAM, MUSLIM NEW YEAR 1429

Love God in the neighbor

Muslims observing their religious calendar are entering into the year 1429. On their new year's day, they reflect on the passage of time and their own mortality.

This is a good day for all of us to reflect on the year we just closed and the new one still full of promise. What can we do to make this year acceptable to the Lord? Perhaps we can start by loving our Muslim neighbors.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22*

"He has sent me to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Count on God's mercy

Can any of us doubt that Jesus would choose the welfare of suffering people who come to him? Still, how often we pray—and live—as if we doubt that God has our best intentions at heart. God's mercy is so clear and tangible, at the crèche and at the cross! If we ever find ourselves wondering if God really cares about the likes of us, we might bow and contemplate Jesus in the straw or nailed to wood.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16*

"The leper bowed and begged Jesus, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' "

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Back to the future

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god of portals and doorways, of endings and beginnings. He is traditionally pictured with two faces: one looking back to the past, the other forward to the future.

Tomorrow we celebrate the Baptism of the Jesus, which marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of ordinary time. That means today is a good day to look back over the Christmas season now ending and ask ourselves: What were some of the highs and lows? What could I do differently next year? Then look forward into the future: What must I let go of to embrace more fully the present moment? How do I want to live?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30*

"He must increase; I must decrease."

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Please remember our sick in your prayers: Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Vincent Trauth, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Mary Jane Taylor, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Richard Taylor, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Mario Aguilar, Cacilia Ziegler, Jackie Dudley, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Patty Johnson, Connie Kosteki, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Bridie Boyce, Stephanie Yakowicz, Virginia Wilson, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Michael Karpinski, Emil Chlapecka, Augustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourke, Debbie Broz, Scott May. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for our sick.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

...please pick up your questionnaires in the Minister's room. Thank you.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
- Monday: St. Raymond of Peñafort;
Orthodox Christmas
- Wednesday: Muslim New Year 1429

**Eucharistic Adoration
Monday, January 7**

...immediately following the 8:0am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

Youth Ministry

IT'S TIME TO HIT THE SLOPES!!

We are going to Alpine Valley for a day of skiing and/or snowboarding!!!

- WHEN?** Sunday, January 20, 2008
- WHERE?** Alpine Valley Ski Resort in East Troy, WI
- WHO?** All high school teenagers welcome from St. Cletus/St. John of the Cross Crossroads (and their teenage friends).
- TIME?** 7:00am Mass at St. Cletus. We'll be leaving on buses after Mass and ski from 10:00am until it closes at 5:30pm. We should arrive back St. Cletus at 7:45pm.
- COST?** \$62 for ski's or snowboard, lessons (a must if you've never skied before!), Lift ticket, and bus transportation (\$42 if you own your own ski's or snowboard)

Please bring extra cash with you for food and lockers.

Permission forms can be downloaded from the parish website www.stcletusparish.com and are due with the above fees by Monday, January 7, 2008 We are limiting this trip to 50 spaces and it will be filled on a first come/first serve basis. Please turn in permission slips and money to Amy Cranny at St. Cletus Parish. Hope to see you on the slopes!!

Amy Cranny
Youth Director

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GIVING TREE UPDATE!

What a heartwarming sight it was on Sunday, December 9, to see our new Madonna della Strada Shrine piled high with brightly wrapped gifts. More gifts and shiny new bikes occupied every available space in the Church Vestibule! After the 11:00 AM Mass the Church was bustling with activity as adult and teen volunteers began sorting these Giving Tree gifts by family number. These tangible signs of the incredible generosity of St. Cletus parishioners speak volumes about how we act as Christ to provide hope and help for those in need. Fast forward to December 16 in Morrissey Hall, when Food Baskets and black bags of gifts, filled every possible space. Again volunteers of all ages were busy working to provide some Christmas hope and joy for more than 325 families in our community who are having a tough time. Another tangible sign that God is in our midst and working through our generous parish. Thank you to all - organizations, groups and individuals - who contributed in any way to the overwhelming success of this year's gift and food basket distribution. This outreach program gives an inspiring perspective to our Advent and Christmas Season. May the same Spirit who guided us in this project continue to dwell among us during a Blessed 2008!!!

Mary Beth Ford & Maureen Soldat



FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Food Pantry in 2007. Your concern and generosity was apparent every month with all your contributions. It was a challenging year with an increased number of working poor who came to us for help. We are grateful, too, for the food drives sponsored by local scout troops, our parish school, religious education and other parish organizations, other local businesses, schools and community organizations, as well as the ongoing contributions from two of our neighbors, the First United Methodist Church of Western Springs, and the Highlands Presbyterian Church. We look forward to your continued support to keep our shelves stocked so that we may adequately serve those who come to us for help. Again, **THANK YOU** and blessings to you and your families in the New Year!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

A Vicariate Event

CELEBRATING THE PASTORAL LETTER

Stories by Susan O'Halloran highlighting the four types of racism Cardinal George writes about in his Pastoral Letter "DWELL IN MY LOVE".

STORIES OF RACE

STORIES OF PLACE

STORIES OF GRACE

Dates & Locations

VICARIATE V - St. Gerald

SUNDAY, January 13, 2008

3:00 p.m.

9310 South 55th Court

Oak Lawn

VICARIATE IV - St. Francis Xavier

MONDAY, January 21, 2008

7:00 p.m.

124 North Spring Avenue

LaGrange

VICARIATE III - Holy Family

TUESDAY, January 29, 2008

7:00 p.m.

1019 South May

Chicago

VICARIATE II - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SUNDAY, February 10, 2008

3:00 p.m.

1775 Grove Street

Glenview

VICARIATE VI - Infant Jesus of Prague

SUNDAY, February 24, 2008

3:00 p.m.

1131 Douglas Avenue

Flossmoor

VICARIATE I - St. Raymond de Penafort

SUNDAY, March 2, 2008

3:00 p.m.

301 South I-Oka Avenue

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ANY GOOD THAT I CAN DO, OR ANY KINDNESS
THAT I CAN SHOW TO ANY HUMAN BEING,
LET ME DO IT NOW AND NOT DEFER IT FOR
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(ATTRIBUTED TO STEPHEN GRELLET)**

Weekly Giving Summary

Weekend of December 23	\$ 28,052
A Year Ago	19,898
This Fiscal Year (thru 12/23/07)	\$691,766
Last Fiscal Year (thru 12/24/06)	658,708
Last Weekend	\$ 31,635
A Year Ago	33,526
This Fiscal Year (thru 12/30/07)	\$723,401
Last Fiscal Year (thru 12/31/06)	692,234
Actual Collections - July-December	\$723,401
Budgeted Collections - July-December	\$735,750

Please note: The Budget amount each Sunday is \$27,250. When the budget was prepared in March, 2007 the budgeted amount per Sunday was \$28,500. After a review of the results of the last year, the budget amount per Sunday has been revised to \$27,250.

As always, we sincerely thank all who generously give of their treasure, as well as those who give of their time and talent, to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ.

Parish Membership Changes

If you are moving to a new home and will remain parishioners, call the rectory (352-6209) with your new address and phone number. Moving out of the parish? Please call the rectory so that we can keep our records updated. Thank you.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

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 (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 4:15-4:45pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

1st Monday of the Month immediately following the 8:00am Mass with Benediction at 6:45pm.

Adoración Nocturna continues until 8:00pm with song and prayer.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday thru Friday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday:	9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday:	8:00am-1:00pm

Bulletin Articles

The deadline for Canticle article submission is 5:00pm Friday, **one full week** prior to Sunday's publication. Articles may be submitted electronically to canticle@stcletusparish.com.

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