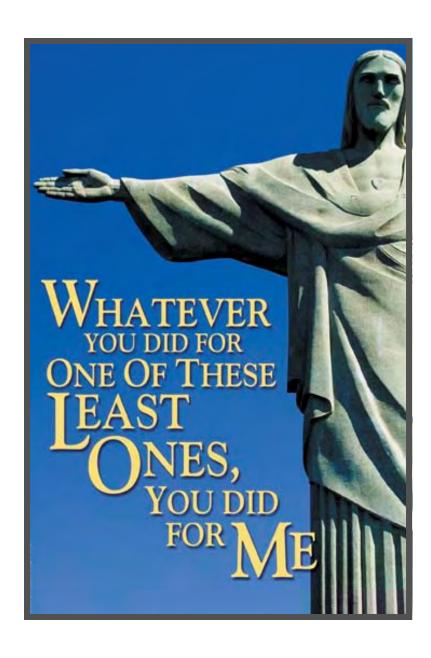


# St. Cletus Canticle

November 23, 2008

Feast of Christ the King



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### Mass Intentions for the Week of November 24 - November 30, 2008

Day	Time				
Monday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society – Jim Bozec, Chester & Anne Koziol			
Tuesday	8:00am	Thomas Robinson			
Wednesday	8:00am	Laverne Phillips, Joseph Vieceli, Arthur Evans, Laurence Giovannetti			
Thursday Thanksgiving	9:00am	Timothy Benrus, Ray Tobolski, Robert Suchy, Jonii Patterson, Barbara Lezak, Angeline Basile, Robert "Bobby" Haws, Virginia Shepler, Charles & Alice Raece			
Friday	8:00am	Purgatorial Society - Stanley Wojciechowski			
Saturday	8:00am 5:00pm	Frank Baggio Karen M. Wilson, Donna Czerwinski, Ruth Harrison, John Harrison			
Sunday	7:00am 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am 6:00pm	Ludwicka Grzelinski, Linda Perino, Frances & Albert Jachimek Souls in Purgatory Parish Priest's Intentions William Kallal, Timothy Benrus, Bernie Braun, Donald Ashworth, Anthony & Kathleen Regalado Priests of the Missionaries of St. Charles			

THANKSGIVING DAY		AUXILIARY MINISTER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 29/30, 2008				
9:00 AM		5:00 PM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
SM	Heyes, S.	Heyes, S.	Wouk, D.	Dunkovich, A.	Bolton, P.	Curnutt, R.
LR	DalPorto, C. Hagen, J.	Augustine, E. DalPorto, C.	Bellisaro, J.	Okkema, P. Curotto, L.	Duffy, M. Levitske, C.	McMahon, H. Rotunno, P.
B2	Heyes, S.	Heyes, S.	Wouk, D.	Dunkovich, A.	Bolton, P.	Curnutt, R.
В3	Kensek, M.	Beales, N.	Hinton, G.	Karch, T.	Wehrneister, R	Haggerty, F.
B4	DalPorto, K.	Ciraulo, S.	Thornton, M.	Okkema, A.	Malcak, L.	Garske, E.
B5	Thornton, M.	Bamberger, M.	Thornton, W.	Bolton, P.	Zupancic, R.	Gebka, M.L.
B6	Delaloye, J.	Burke, J.	Ward, L.	Walsh, M.J.	Schump, C.	Nilles, C.
C1	Kessler, T.	Hockman, S.		Borsilli, H.	Williams, A.	Samuelson, D.
C2	Heyes, M.	Heyes, M.	$\lambda \lambda$	Kuchta, A.	Horak, V.	Hoskins, C.
С3	Sheridan, E.	Beales, D.	THE STATE OF THE S	Karch, J.	Blecic, D.	Maday, J.
C4	Wehrmeister, R.	Saban, J.		Ciraulo, S.	Hagen, C.	Ficaro, J.
C5	Thornton, W.	Boyer, K.		Stopka, S.	Dillane, J.	Severino, S.
C6	Saban, J.	Burke, R.		Thuma, M.	Stumreiter, E.	Brannigan, R.
Altar Servers	DalPoro. T. Franklin, M. Nelson, J.	Figura, M. Temple, P. Temple, R.	Pusatera, S. Sarantopoulos, G Garvey, S.	Frisbie, S. Sipk, K. Pikul, K.	Findley, T. Roll, C. Roll, D.	Lang, C. Tlusty, M. Reisel, D.



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the rectory office will be closed Thursday and Friday. Have a wonderful holiday!

Thank you so much for serving our parish as an Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Communion or Usher. Your skills and training are so valuable and we count on you and look for you at Mass.

Paulette Bolton Director of Liturgy Please pray for those who have died and their families...

Lori Polentini, mother of Cheri Biocic Andy Sandoval,

son of José Luna & Fracelia Sandoval

# NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

#### CHRIST THE KING

The gospel highlights the paradox of the Christian life. Christ is met in the most unusual and unknown circumstances of life, and often in the most unlikely and unexpected people. In a world in which style and presentation are very important in advertising and images of beautiful people abound, the gospel reminds us of the <u>anawim</u>, 'the poor', those who can rely only on God because they have nothing and are considered by most others as nothing in the world. They are the people whose history is not written in the history books and whose tombstones, if they could afford a tombstone, are the only reminders of their lives.

Perhaps it is difficult to reconcile the story of the Last Judgment with the mercy and love of God, which is often the focus of preaching today. The feast of Christ the King celebrates God's love and justice. In the first reading, God is presented as a shepherd who cares for each of his sheep. The shepherd seeks each out, knows each by name, strengthens, heals and bandages the wounded. Christ the Good Shepherd deepens this understanding in the story of the shepherd who seeks out the one lost sheep of the hundred in the fold. He carries it home on his shoulders. To this story of God's love, we are called to respond and follow in discipleship. The story of the Last Judgment is a reminder that we are called to take responsibility for our lives and that the commandment of love is the invitation to be followed. God does not reject us, but in freedom, we have the possibility of rejecting God and God's invitation to love. Through our actions, we can determine how God will judge us.

Christ the King presents an image of humble love and service of others. God will know our weakness and need for healing but invites us out of our brokenness to be close to the weakest in society. It is important to recognize one's Achilles' heel in order to be compassionate to others.

At the end of the Church's year and as we prepare for Advent, we are invited to take stock of our lives and recognize the action of God's grace in shepherding us throughout the last year. Can I see the times of darkness or the times when God has healed me? Are there times when God's love, through love of those around me, rescued me from darkness and despair? Do I thank God for this love?

How have I responded to the invitations with which I have been presented in the poor and weak? With gratitude let us thank God for the way we have responded. Perhaps there is also need for repentance for moments of selfishness and carelessness? God who heals can forgive and show mercy which can restore us to new life.

The feast of Christ the King is a celebration of God's love, which extends to the ends of the earth. To recognize God's love is a call for praise and gratitude.

#### THANKSGIVING 2008

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day Liturgy on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together as a grateful family of faith and thank God for our many blessings. It is a beautiful tradition here at St. Cletus that recognizes God's generous care and love for each of us within our parish community. We offer thanks and praise to God on this very special day and ask for His continued blessings to all in our faith community.

God's Love Always,
Father Bob



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

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING What if . . . ?

The quote from today's gospel that begins "just as you did it to one of the least of these . . ." is surely one of the most recognized in scripture. It's also one of the most misunderstood. If we really understood what Jesus was saying—that Christ is in every single person, including ourselves—and acted accordingly, then our world would be a very different place, to understate the obvious. Instead, we read this passage and mentally nod our heads. But we don't really believe it, and we certainly don't act on it with any regularity. What if every person who reads these words spent the next 24 hours behaving as if this were true: that Christ dwells within everyone, no exceptions. What might happen?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

" Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

FEAST OF ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND HIS COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

#### By patient endurance save your lives

Vietnam for most Americans will always be associated with the long and anguished war in which so many lives were lost. Few people would have associated that beleaguered land with a thriving Catholic faith rooted there since the 17th century, a faith so strong that it produced 117 Vietnamese martyrs whom we remember today, all beatified and canonized between 1900 and 1951. In 1989 three American archbishops visited that country and said upon their return that in spite of the horrors of the war "the church in Vietnam is alive and vigorous . . . living out the gospel in a difficult and complex situation with remarkable persistence and strength." Holding to the faith even in peaceful times is a challenge; we may learn from Saint Andrew and his many companions what it means to live in patient endurance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 "No one could learn that song except the one hundred forty-four thousand who have been redeemed from the earth."

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

#### More than meets the eye

We're nearing the end of the liturgical year, so a fair number of lectionary scripture passages this month urge us to see with the eyes of faith. We are to look beyond what is right in front of us and know this: What we see with our eyes and hear with our ears is only part of reality—and not necessarily the most interesting or important part at that. Storms may come, but they are not what we should give our attention to; rather we are encouraged to keep our eyes on heaven and our thoughts on Christ within. Only then will we begin the work of creating heaven on earth. Not with bricks and mortar, but with love and compassion and forgiveness, for ourselves and others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down"

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - You alone are the holy one

We sing the Gloria at Mass out of pure joy in God. The hymn begins with the words of the angels announcing Jesus' birth: "Glory to God in the highest." Other texts were added over time, including one from today's reading from Revelation, "For you alone are holy," to which we add "you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus

Christ." The beauty and exaltation of this hymn reminds us that one of the four kinds of prayer is praise, sometimes obscured by prayers of petition and intercession, which flow so naturally. But praise for one's beloved is as old as love itself. While God welcomes our prayers of "gimme, gimme," are we not also so overwhelmed by God's goodness that we can say with the old spiritual, "How can I keep from singing?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 "Lord, who will not fear and glorify your name? For you alone are holy."

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

#### THANKSGIVING DAY - Pilgrims one and all

Despite the rosy-colored rendition in childhood schoolbooks, not all was peaceful among the first settlers of Plymouth Colony. The passengers aboard the *Mayflower* were divided into camps based on differences over religion. Knowing they would face a test of survival upon landing, the rival groups were able to patch things up well enough by signing the Mayflower Compact in 1620 and adopting a common identity as Pilgrims. A year later they gave thanks to God and the local Native Americans for helping them survive. This holiday season look for a way to patch up whatever differences might divide you from others around the Thanksgiving table.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Believing is how you see

Every age has its own particular mindset through which the people view their world. Our 21st-century perspective could be called "scientific." Whatever we can see with our eyes and measure with our instruments, we believe. Eight hundred years ago the prevailing attitude was "wonder." In the Middle Ages all of creation was viewed as a symbol. It was a book in which every living thing was a word charged with meaning. The faithful were called to look through the visible to the invisible and, by reading nature, read the thoughts of God. Our amazing and helpful advances in science have sometimes come at the expense of wonder. Today, pray to the Holy Spirit for the lost gift of wonder and awe.

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words not pass away."

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Waiting in joyful hope

There's that part of the Mass during the "Our Father" when the priest says, "... As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." Does it ever occur to us that the "coming of our Savior" is the moment when we die? When our lives end and our world passes away, all that will be left is the eternal, the presence of Jesus Christ. If we live as though there is only this present life, then the Lord's coming will catch us by surprise, and it will be a freak-out. But if we're waiting in joyful hope, the day of the Lord's coming will mean lasting fulfillment. Are you ready?

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with . . . the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

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# A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord. As a family of faith and love.,

we give you thanks.

As Your guests at the table of life,

we are grateful that You have set a place for us.

As Your children,

we strive to follow You in all we do.

As servants to Your will,

we acknowledge the gift of

Your understanding and mercy.

As Your stewards,

we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds and accept our responsibilities In Your service.

As Your heirs, we are humbled by the bounty You Have given us, for each breath that we draw, Is Ours only through Your grace..

And as Your family, we shout Your name and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen.

# Mass of Thanksgiving

All Parishioners, family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate the Eucharist on Thanksgiving.

Mass Time - 9:00am Hispanic Mass Time - 11:00am

#### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THIS WEEKEND

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of people working together to break the cycle of poverty. You can make a difference. Be part of the numbers that care - give generously to CCHD in today's collection. Thank you.

## **Advent Giving Tree**

As we "Rejoice in Hope" this Advent Season, as St. Paul suggests, share that hope with others and take a tag from our Advent Giving Trees this weekend. Gifts are to be brought to Church on the weekend of December 13/14 and food baskets to Morrissey Hall on December 21. If you know you are going to be out of town when gifts and baskets are due and you wish to take part, consider these options: (1) Ask a friend or family member to bring your gifts or food basket on the designated weekend; or (2) Arrange with us to donate gift certificates beforehand, which we will use to purchase any needed gifts or food. The needs in our community and in our sharing parish, St. Agatha's, increase each year, as does the generosity of our parishioners. Directions are printed on each tag, but if you have any questions, please consult our parish website: www.stcletusparish.com/socialconcerns for answers to frequently asked questions, or contact Mary Beth at mford@stcletusparish.com or (708) 215-5418; or Maureen at (708) 839-0345. Thank you!

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns



# Divine Mercy Chaplet in Advent...

This Advent the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* will be prayed as part of our monthly Adoration/ Benediction devotional worship. On the first Monday of each month we offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction. On Monday December 1, the *Chaplet* will

begin promptly at 6:15pm and continue through to its completion at which time Benediction will then follow. Please plan to join us on December 1, as we celebrate God's love and care for us while we pray the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* together.

Blessings,

Fr. Charles

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in

Ordinary time; St. Andrew Dung-Lac

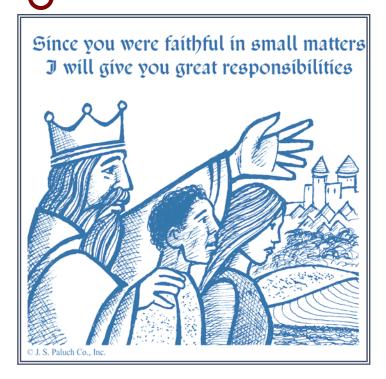
and his companions

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **Attention Leisure Loafers!**

**Reminder:** December 4 is the date of our Christmas Luncheon at The Flame, 12:00 Noon. Members \$21 - Guests \$25. We do need a final count by November 28. Please call Mary White at (708) 246-0340 or Alice Katzmarek at (708) 354-7054.



#### CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

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#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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# ST. CLETUS PARISH - ADVENT 2008

#### Tuesday, November 25th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series with Fr. Bob until 8:30 p.m. in the rectory

#### Monday, December 1st

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:15 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
The Chaplet will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. and continue through to its completion at which time Benediction will follow.

#### Thursday, December 4th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series

#### Sunday, December 7th

Welcome Sunday Hospitality Refreshments and Fellowship after all Masses

#### Monday December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, December 9th

7:30 p.m. St. Cletus School Christmas Program

#### Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 p.m. Presentation in church by Fr. Brian Walker, O.P.

#### Thursday, December 11th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series

#### Friday, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 4:30 a.m. Mañanitas 7:00 p.m. Mass

#### Monday, December 15th

7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

#### Tuesday, December 16th

7:00 p.m. Advent Scripture Series

#### Wednesday, December 17th

7:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

#### Thursday, December 18th

7:00 p.m. St. Cletus Choirs

Christmas Concert

# NEED HELP GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT? PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL...

#### ST. CLETUS WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TEA

Saturday, December 13th - 1:30-3:30pm \$35 per person, \$300 per table of 10 La Grange Country Club RSVP by 11/24/08—Seating is limited. Call Diane Burke (708) 352-9773 for more information.

Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. (please bring an unwrapped children's book for the Giving Tree)

Special performance by the St. Cletus Children's Choir!

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Please remember our sick in your prayers: Jerry Pietras, Anna Ciszek, Blasé Cinquegrani. Trudy Pacanowski, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Pauline Cuttill, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Adrienne Welenc, Kathryn Super-Wilson, John Burke, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Dorothy O'Neill, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Mary Barnish, Elaine Bianco, Freda Guide, Leslie Imholt, Ryan Cosgrove, Ann Fahey, Joan Klein, Sheila Nash, Rosemary Sylvester, Rose Olferchek, Steve Zeman, Sister Arlene Gibson, Zach Sperka, Marguerite May, Mike Patzelt, Rita D'Onofrio, Marilyn Matesevac, Hunter Peters, Cacilia Ziegler, Ruth Calandriello, Ann Marie Nabor, Nadine Pankow, Patty Johnson, Agnes Suennen, Joseph Johnson, Stephanie Yakowicz, Gail Pankow-Locker, Josie Spoto, Larry Wojnar, Louise Jaunich, Frank Werner, Agnes Olszowka, Agustin Jaso, Marie Krolecki, Mary O'Rourque, Debbie Broz and Scott May. Please know we pray daily for our sick.



#### St. Cletus Parish Welcomes...

Lucas Richard Hollowell, son of Brenton & Amanda (Bradbury) Hollowell

Daniel Alfredo Koziol, son of Peter & Maria (Guzman) Koziol

Emily Sophia Radulski, daughter of Robert & Lucy (Pawlik) Radulski

to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

#### FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU!

A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped provide us with much needed items for the November food distribution. Thank you to our faithful parishioners and friends in the community, the Highlands Presbyterian Church, the Girl Scouts, the St. Cletus School Red Ribbon Week and items of the month food drives, and the Nazareth students who participated in the Amate House drive to help fight hunger & shared their huge collection with us. Because of this joint effort, we were prepared to help 250 families this month with supplemental groceries. Also a special thanks to the volunteers who prepared the bags and those that help us distribute them.

Mary Beth Ford
Director of Social Concerns



#### REGISTRATION

St. Cletus School offers a full day preschool as well as 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 Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and computers as part of the student's schedule. Daily religion classes, service hours, and school Masses provide further opportunities for students to enhance the school experience. Junior Great Books, Student Council, boy and girl scouts, athletic programs, band, choir and before and after care programs are available.

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 2008-2009 school year through November 26, 2008.
- Registration will be available for registered parishioners starting December 1, 2008.
- Open registration will begin on January 5, 2009.

Please call the school office at 708-352-4820 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:15 PM if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school. Come "Discover St. Cletus"!

Jolene Hillgoth
Principal

# **Youth Ministry News!**

#### SOCIAL OUTING

Looking for something to do over the holiday break? The teen advisory board would like to invite you and your friends to Midnight Bowl at Rolling Lanes Bowling Alley on Joliet Rd in Countryside! We will be going on Saturday, December 27, from 9:00pm until 12:30am. This includes music, pizza, pop, bowling 3 games and prizes. Cost is \$17 per person. Go online at **www.stcletusparish.com** and click on the youth ministry icon to download the flier/permission forms. They are due to the Youth Ministry Office, c/o Amy Cranny by December 14, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Mary O'Heron at (708) 784-0578.

**Amy Cranny**Director of Youth

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to consider all the blessings we receive from God and how we in turn thank God for God's blessings.

In today's readings we see that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will care for us in our time of need. However, our relationship with Jesus should not be all take and no give. We, in turn, are expected to care for one another just as Jesus cares for us.

#### **Weekly Giving Summary**

Last Weekend\$	22,702
A Year Ago	26,879

<b>Needed</b> for Budget thru 11/16/08	\$566,500
<b>Received</b> for Budget thru 11/16/08	529,292



#### HOLY NAME

#### TURKEY RAFFLE...REMINDER

Our annual Turkey Raffle winning number is **Sixteen!** All turkeys should be picked up this Sunday, November 23, between 2:00-4:00pm in front of Morrissey Hall. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Also, the Usher Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 5, at Sawa's Restaurant, (22nd & Cermak, Broadview). Cocktails with a cash bar will be served at 6:30pm. Hope to see everyone there!

Dan Gibbons



Families with children from preschool through first grade are invited to discover our full-day and half-day programs for 3-year old preschool, 4-year old preschool and kindergarten and to learn more about enrolling in grades 1 - 8.

You and your child are welcome to visit our classrooms, meet our teachers and talk to other St. Cletus School parents. As you discover more about St. Cletus, you'll see it's a great place to send your child.



www.stcletusschool.com



#### **Cub Scout** Wreath Sale This Weekend

St. Cletus Cub Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths in front of the church this weekend, November 22/23. Quantities are limited and all proceeds fund scout programs during the school year. Thanks for your help; the whole pack thanks you!

#### CASH & CARRY FOR MANNA THIS WEEKEND

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule THIS WEEKEND, November 22/23. MANNA will also be available after all Masses December 20/21. It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays! Give gift cards as gifts or use them to purchase holiday items. Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 with any questions or concerns.

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x, Marynez Llanes, Social

Vice - Chairperson: Rita Mayer Corresponding Secretary: Lori Ashe

Finance Liaison: Brian Kapusta

Youth Ministry: Barb Mitchell, Rita Mayer

Pastoral Care Ministry:

C. Rodger Brown, Xavier Polanski

Staff Representative: Jolene Hillgoth

Social Concerns Ministry: Maureen Soldat,

Jim Ryva

Technology Representative: Julie Lenz

#### **MASSES**

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

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

11:00am, 6:00pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 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.

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

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

#### **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.