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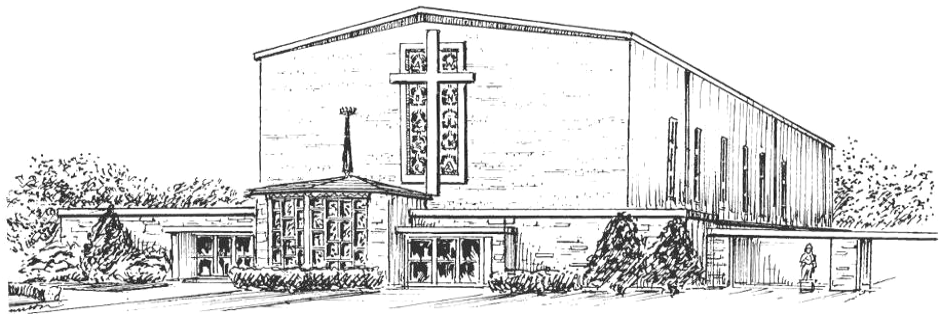
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December 20, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent




All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

Mass Intentions for the Week of December 21 - December 27, 2009

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Pauline Cuttill
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Abe Katzmarek, Ruth Taylor, Donald Cotig, Rose Acevedo
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Bob Battle, Marcie Johnson, Phyllis Prevenas, Kadlec Family, Charles Moravec, John Akalaitis, Jozef & James Slowik
Thursday Christmas Eve	2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 4em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div> <p>Due to our Christmas scheduled Masses, there will be no 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PARISH PRIEST'S INTENTIONS</i></p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;">  </div> </div>
Friday Christmas Day	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: 4em; margin-right: 10px;">}</div> <div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PARISH PRIEST'S INTENTIONS</i></p> </div> </div>
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Roger Vandriessche, Stefan Slobodnik Rudy Kegl, Elsie Wagner, Dan Rosko, Ed Smithy
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	John Falk, Marco & Emilia Rattin, Helen Letrich, Florence Joseph & Bruno Rossi Pauline Jadro, Irene Bonadonna Virginia Shepler, Charles Moravec, Norbert Wontroba Timothy Benrus, Karen Marie Wilson, Virginia Anderson, Kathleen Gabriel, Tony Frasca, Angelo Frasca, Rev. John Spitkovsky Souls in Purgatory



Please pray for those who have died and their families:

*August Tyce,
grandfather of Cathy (Chopp) Hinckley*

James Francis Vonesh

**May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
Amen.**



ATTENTION!

**LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

Your help is needed at some of the Christmas and New Years' Masses. Please stop in the Minister's Room and check the schedules and sign up if you are able. We appreciate any assistance you can give. Thank you.

Paulette Bolton- Director of Liturgy



*COME HOME TO THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH...*

Whether you are on a journey into the Catholic Church or *returning* to the Catholic Church, you have come to a good place. Our goal is to provide you with a very wide array of helpful and thought-provoking resources that will help you understand more clearly the Catholic Church and its teachings.

At Catholics Come Home, we promise to always give you the honest truth, with nothing held back. We won't shy away from difficult subjects, nor will we refrain from pointing out the many beautiful, wonderful, and even miraculous aspects of the Catholic Church.

Our lives on earth should be a wholesome search for God and His truth. For some, the search is easy and quick, for others it can be long and laborious. The purpose of Catholics Come Home is to make your search for the fullness of truth easier and more fruitful.

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2009

It's a rather different spirit that today's liturgy seems to suggest should be ours during the final count-down to Christmas. As the Gospel unfolds its charming story of the meeting between the elderly woman and the teenager, Elizabeth and Mary, we cannot be but struck by several features.

First, there is the beautiful unselfishness of Mary. She, who must still have been coming to terms with the astounding news that she carried within her the long-awaited Messiah, would have been forgiven had she decided to stay at home and dwell upon her wonderful secret. After all, she could always visit her aged cousin Elizabeth later. There would be plenty of time after her own child and Elizabeth's had been born. Instead, she sets out at once "as quickly as she could" on a lengthy journey so that she can see Elizabeth, offer her congratulations, and provide whatever help might be needed.

Secondly, there is the prayerfulness and faith that seem to permeate this whole event. On Mary's side, as she made her long journey into "the hill country" – it would probably have taken her the best part of a week – she must, like any young mother-to-be, have thought constantly of the child within her and, as she did so, she would have raised her mind and heart in prayer and praise. The very fact that she made the journey at all was itself an act of faith; she went because she believed what the angel had told her, both about herself and about her cousin. On Elizabeth's side, as soon as Mary arrives, she, Elizabeth, is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and under that inspiration pours out her soul in prayer: "Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Already we hear the "Hail Mary" in embryo, that prayer which to this day is on the lips of so many people throughout the world.) And Elizabeth goes on to praise the deep faith of her young cousin.

A third striking feature of the Visitation is its unmistakable spirit of joy. Elizabeth tells how her own child had "leapt for joy" in her womb at the presence of the unborn Lord, whose herald he was destined to be. Reading between the lines, it's clear that the joy of the unborn John was a joy shared by both mothers, too. In fact, though this doesn't appear in today's gospel passage, Mary responded with the prayer we know as the Magnificat in which she proclaims that her spirit finds its joy in "God my savior."

The days before Christmas are busy days for us all. We wonder where all the time has gone since we first read one of those warnings about shopping early for Christmas. In fact, the great day when we celebrate the Lord's birthday is now almost here, a mere 5 days away. Yet I believe that there is still time, if we so wish, to prepare a worthy celebration of Christmas. How? By striving, especially today and this week to follow Mary's example: first, by thinking not just of ourselves, but also of others, reaching out to them in loving and practical concern; second, by finding time, making time, if need be, to devote ourselves to a period even if it is only five minutes – of quiet prayer each day in a real spirit of faith; and, third, by entering into the joy which Christ's coming into the world brings with it.

If we strive to do these things, whatever our other festivities (including a Christmas drink) may be, we shall indeed have "a real good time," for ours will surely be the true spirit of Christmastime.

Christmas Blessings

With Christmas just around the corner, I would like to offer Christmas Blessings and Prayers to each member of St. Cletus Parish. I, along with Frs. Charles Gallagher, Charles Watkins, Edgar Rodriguez, Ron Anglim, Deacon Jesus & Silvia, and the entire St. Cletus Parish Staff wish you good health and a prosperous New Year. May the love of Christ be present to you each day of your lives.

*Blessings and Christmas Prayers,
Father Bob Clark*



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A little means a lot

Most of our lives are made up not of big, dramatic events but little, ordinary ones—many of which seem hard to connect to faith. The things of everyday life, though, can lead you to holiness if you do them with an awareness of the presence of God. God is revealed in the small as well as the great. Bethlehem was a small town, but a prophecy had said it would be the birthplace of a king. A mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, yet it grows into a large bush, Jesus said; faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains and uproot trees. Little things, even the least, hold the power of big things. Unleash the power of the little in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel."

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

FEAST OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

How to get things done

Have you noticed there are only four more shopping days left till Christmas? Better get moving or there won't be enough time to put up the decorations, finish addressing the Christmas cards, get the food prepared, and clean up the house for the guests. Maybe you need to beg the intercession of today's saint, Peter Canisius (1521-1597), who is known as the patron saint of getting things done. He used to say, "If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all." Hey, it's worth a try. Otherwise, you might need to call on Saint Jude, patron of hopeless causes!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45*

"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Leap and be lifted

In these final few days before Christmas it's good to remember just what happened in the coming of Jesus: God reached into our humanity and lifted us into life with God. Mary knew that. In her song known as the *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-56), from the Latin translation of its opening words, "My soul magnifies the Lord," she celebrates how the Lord had "looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed." Exalted—lifted up—she exulted: rejoiced, literally "leaped up" in joy to praise what God had done for her and all people. So do a little exulting today: Start or end your day with Mary's words of praise and gratitude.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56*
"He has . . . lifted up the lowly."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

FEAST OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

Absorb evil

If John of Kanty in 15th-century Poland could have known he would one day be venerated as a saint, he would have been astonished and embarrassed. Although he was a brilliant scripture scholar, he was also a very humble parish priest who had enemies. Even when treated unfairly for years, he could accept unjust blame and criticism without flinching because he believed that he could protect his parishioners and defeat the power of evil by absorbing it into

himself. Some say that is what Jesus did in relation to death—evil's ultimate weapon: He took it into himself, and there defeated it. In a culture of blame like our own, the ability to defuse violence and anger is a rare gift but one we should cultivate more than seeking revenge or proving ourselves right when wronged.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66*

"See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Praise the son

Perhaps you've heard the notion of the "father wound," the emotional pain—often accompanied by real-life consequences—suffered by a man who does not receive support and approval from his father. Studies suggest that nearly every man in prison will describe his relationship with his biological father in negative terms. John the Baptist had no such problem, judging by the wonderful words of praise his father Zechariah showered upon him at his birth. As we prepare to commemorate and celebrate the birth of the Savior, take a moment to reach out with words of encouragement and support to a son—your own or someone else's. He could use a word of blessing.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79*

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Unwrap the first of eight gifts

Children carry the hope of Christmas in them through Advent's long weeks. They're full of wonder at the pageantry of the season: colored lights and decorations, carols and stories, Santa Claus and all those lovely wrapped boxes under the tree. When Christmas morning dawns, they can't contain themselves. We might ask ourselves: What have we been waiting for? The church has a gift for all of us: an Octave of joy, eight days to unpack the wonder of this season. Today, unwrap the gift of *compassion*. If you need some, take some. And then give the rest away. Merry Christmas.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14*

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

SECOND DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS; FEAST OF STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

Don't blame the messenger

Saint Stephen was stoned to death by people who—to put it mildly—did not want to hear what he was saying. His opponents had refused to accept Jesus, and they were infuriated when Stephen reminded them that their ancestors also had rejected God's messengers and prophets. None of us likes our "dirty laundry" aired in public, but, as philosopher George Santayana put it, "Those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it." Accept the gift of *wisdom* today and learn from your mistakes.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22*

"When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen."

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HOLY DAY SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS SCHEDULE 2009

CHRISTMAS EVE:

2:00PM...CHURCH
 2:15PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 3:30PM...CHURCH
 3:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 5:30PM...CHURCH
 5:45PM...MORRISSEY HALL
 7:00PM...CHURCH-SPANISH
 10:30PM...CHURCH

ACCOMPANIMENT:

VOCALIST/PIANO
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 HISPANIC CHOIR
 CHANCEL CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7:00AM...CHURCH
 8:00AM...CHURCH
 9:30AM...CHURCH
 11:00AM...CHURCH

ACCOMPANIMENT:

TRADITIONAL (NO MUSIC)
 VOCALIST/ORGAN
 CHANCEL CHOIR
 CONTEMPORARY CHOIR



NEW YEAR'S EVE/NEW YEAR'S DAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

4:00PM...CHURCH
 5:30PM...CHURCH
 7:00PM...CHURCH-SPANISH

ACCOMPANIMENT:

VOCALIST/PIANO
 VOCALIST/PIANO
 HISPANIC CHOIR

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

6:30AM...CHURCH
 8:00AM...CHURCH



The Christmas Food Baskets will be distributed to our local recipients this weekend on Sunday. If you took a "Food Basket" tag from the Giving Tree, please bring your basket to **Morrissey Hall on Sunday, December 20, between 7:30 - 11:00 A.M.** Remember to securely attach your tag to the basket, so we know the size of the family for which it is intended. Thanks for helping make the holidays brighter for a needy family in our community!

Mary Beth Ford
 Social Concerns

PLEASE NOTE

...the Rectory Office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 and Christmas Day, Friday, December 25. The office will re-open Saturday, December 26, at 9:00 A.M. On Thursday, New Year's Eve, the office will close at 12 Noon and will be closed on Friday, New Year's Day. The office will re-open on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



St. Cletus Technology Learning Center

Adult Technology Training Courses

2010 Winter Series

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- January 14** **Intro to the Internet**
- January 28** **Microsoft Word Basics**
- February 4** **Microsoft Excel Basics**

Space is Limited so Register Now!

Call: (708) 215-5420 or

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\$15 per class or \$50 for all four

- Classes start at 7:00pm
- Flash Drive and all course materials included in cost



St. Cletus School

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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.

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

Jolene Hillgoth

Principal

FAITH FAMILY FUTURE

CASH & CARRY MANNA THIS WEEKEND

MANNA will be available after all Masses in the church vestibule **THIS WEEKEND**, December 19/20. This is the last Cash and Carry before Christmas! Use gift cards as stocking stuffers or to buy your last minute gifts! Please take advantage of MANNA this holiday season—it helps the school and also goes towards your tuition! Please call Erin Rhoads (708) 588-0510 or Leslie Doherty (708) 482-0257 with questions or concerns. Visit www.stcletusparish.com to view bonus offers, too!



OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS...
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY
OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS
HOURS.

A DONATION OF \$1 IS REQUESTED.

The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
 Adrienne Welenc, John Burke, Gen Andorf,
 Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden,
 Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones,
 Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Norma Evans, Therese
 Wess, Marguerite May, Scott May, Denise Kuchta,
 Anna Cizek, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha,
 Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-
 Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa,
 Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac,
 Ruth Calandriello. Also please pray for those who are
 in nursing homes or homebound and unable to attend
 Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and
 dying.

LASER TAG!

Come on out for a night of fun!

Who: St. Cletus teens & friends

Where: Laser Quest
 1524 Butterfield Rd.
 Downers Grove, IL 60516
 630-705-0500

When: Wednesday, December 30

Time: 7:00-9:45 P.M.

Cost: \$20 per person: Cost includes 3
 games of laser tag, pizza and drinks

Please Note ...

***This event is limited to 35 teens, on a first
 come/first served basis. Permission slips are
 available online at [www.stcletusparish.com/
 youth](http://www.stcletusparish.com/youth).***

Amy Cranny
 Youth Ministry



THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Mark your calendars! The Women's Center's 25th Annual Life Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2010, at The White Eagle in Niles. Since it is our Silver Anniversary, we are planning a very special event. If you have an item, gift certificate or service to donate for our silent auction, it would be most appreciated. For tickets or to donate, phone (773) 794-1313.

We desperately need a used cargo van in good working condition.

We need diapers in sizes newborn, 4, 5 and 6. If you can organize a diaper drive, perhaps as a service project for Scouts, Confirmation, service hours, etc., call Peg at 773-794-3292 (for more information on diaper drives only).



SAINT STEPHEN (first century)
December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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IF CHRIST HAD NOT COME

If Jesus Christ had not come, the prophecies would be unfilled; there would be no Savior. The character of God who loves us and cares for us would be unknown; the secret of peace for the world would be unrevealed. The world would be without the marvelous example of a sinless life.

-Dr. Paul S. James

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

There is an old saying that good gifts come in small packages. This is certainly borne out in today’s scriptures. In the first reading, the Lord announces that it is from Bethlehem, described as “too small to be among the clans of Judah” (Micah 5:1), that the Messiah would spring forth. In the Gospel story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, we can only imagine Mary, probably a young teenager, a small woman, bearing within herself the greatest gift the world would ever know. These scriptures have much to say to us as we look forward to opening Christmas gifts over the next few days. Nothing in any package beneath any tree can compare to the gift given to the world two thousand years ago. As we share the joy of Christmas, let us remember the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us and set us free.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty
Thursday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday:	St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa

Merry Christmas
 and all the best in the New Year
 from St. Cletus Parish.
 Thank you for your continued
 support.

Sunday Collection**Total Active Registered Families 2,514****Collection Statistics**

of envelopes used - this week 799
 % of registered families 32%

Amount Collected

\$26,376 Envelope Users
 3,935 Loose Checks/Cash

December 13, 2009 Budgeted Collection = \$26,750 \$30,311**Weekly (Under) Over Budget \$3,935****This Fiscal Year @ 9/27/09**

Actual Sunday Collections \$634,191
 Budgeted Sunday Collections 642,000
 (Under) Over than Budgeted \$ (7,809)

Our collections continue to increase because of your efforts to contribute just a few more dollars. We appreciate your donations. No matter the amount, you do make a difference.

Thank you for your continuing generous support of Your church, St. Cletus.

*Fr. Bob***WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, Dec. 21	7:00 pm 8:00 am	C MH	Hisp. Ministry Christmas Novena Hisp. Ministry Christmas Novena
Tuesday, Dec. .22	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	S-201 S-213	Hisp. Ministry Christmas Novena Hisp. Ministry Christmas Novena
Wednesday, Dec. 23	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	S-201 S-213	Hisp. Ministry Christmas Novena Hisp. Ministry Christmas Novena
Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve		Christmas Eve Masses	
Friday, Dec. 25		Christmas Day Masses	
Saturday, Dec. 26	5:00 pm	C	Mass
Sunday, Dec. 27	7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am	C	Masses
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

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 (708-352-6209)

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 (708-215-5407).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the Month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

Hispanic Adoration continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Co-Chairpersons:</i>	Anne Babirak, Tom Finucane
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*The child to be born will be called
holy, the Son of God.*

(-Luke 1:35)

Love Now

Let those love now
who never lov'd before;
let those who always lov'd
now love the more.

-anonymous