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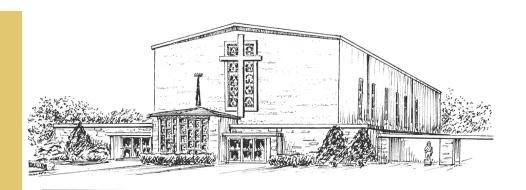
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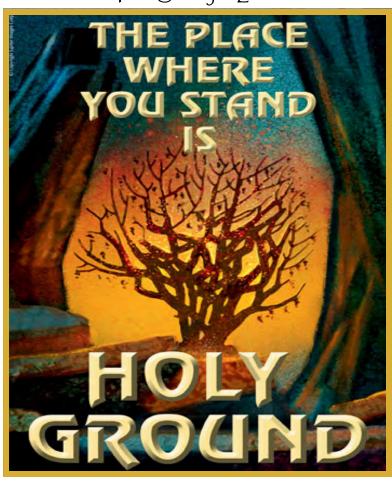
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St. Cletus Canticle

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Third Sunday of Lent





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 March 8 - March 14, 2010

Day	Time	Intentions		
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Josephine Lucente		
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Josephine Gorecki		
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	Joseph Ulfig, Pascal Cosimano Lenten Mass		
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Clarence Miller, John Hopp		
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Timothy Benrus, Joseph Vieceli		
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Thomas Kigin Roy J. Lane, Sr., Chester Yobe, Phyllis DeBartole, August Delaloye		
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Cletus - Florence Rossi Dorothy Pokorny Raymond J. Klees, Arthur David West, Thelma Lafido, Jack Lewis Ken Herzog, Timothy Benrus, William & Grant Hoskins Hispanic Mass			

Please pray for those who have died and their families:



Denise Dilger

Deborah Sipek, wife of David

Thomas Matthews, brother of Jim

May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

Amen.

Please remember our sick in your prayers: Ola Maveety, Rosemary Sylvester, Mike Lotito, Harry Fisher, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiňones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Therese Wess, Scott May, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman, James Prucha, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, and Ruth Calandriello. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass. Please know we pray daily for the sick and dying.



THIS PAST WEEK

WE WELCOMED...

FABRICIO TLASECA, son of Fabricio Tlaseca & Aracely Hernández

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.



Wedding Banns

Marla Panicola & Michael Petrbok Erika Guadalupe Gutiérrez Rodríguez & Iaime Hernández

Kristin Corbett & Michael Kennedy

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 2010

A family crisis you might call it. It was nothing very serious, but quite fascinating, all the same. What had happened was that when Mother went to the cake pan she found all but one slice of chocolate cake had disappeared. The children protested that they knew nothing about it – and that included Michael, whose upper lip was still adorned with a chocolate-colored moustache. What upset the mother was not her youngest son's "crime"; she could understand that and was only too ready to forgive. What grieved her was his refusal to own up. If only he'd done that and said he was sorry, then of course all would be forgiven and the happy family atmosphere would be restored.

Of course it isn't only little boys who find it hard to own up, and yet owning up to our sinfulness is an essential part of being a Christian. In fact from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus is constantly urging people to repent, to amend their lives; and it is a call we frequently hear during Lent. However, there's always the danger that it will be taken as a threat rather than a loving invitation. Worse still, it may even be taken to mean that God is threatening to get his own back upon those who won't repent, by visiting them with terrible calamities. For example, a young couple loses their first born child in tragic circumstances. The priest, who calls on the young mother's parents – both "good" Catholics – to offer sympathies, is astounded to hear them murmur: "But you know Father, Angela and Bill didn't go to Mass". So that's why the tragedy happened? What were they trying to say?

In today's gospel, when it is reported that Pilate has engineered the massacre of some people while they were offering sacrifice, Jesus is quick to respond that it did not mean they were worse sinners than anyone else. And the same, he added, applied to that building accident in which eighteen people lost their lives. He rejects outright any notion that there is an equation between suffering and sinfulness; still more he repudiates false ideas about God: the God he speaks about is not out to punish bit rather to help us to do what is in our own best interest.

A sensitive awareness of sin in my life, a recognition that I fall short of my high calling as a son or daughter of God is not indulging in some kind of neurosis but rather facing up to reality; and that is a blessing, provided that it is accompanied by an awareness of God's abiding love for me, his readiness to forgive, whatever my failures.

Of course there are many ways of opening ourselves to God's forgiveness: for example, the Eucharist, an act of contrition, or a service of kindness to others. But at this time it might be worth considering making the sacrament of reconciliation part of our Lenten exercises. The sacrament is not some terrible burden imposed upon us, but a unique privilege offered us, an opportunity to confess before an official representative of the Church that we have failed in this way or that, for after all, our sins harm not only ourselves but also the Church. It is the sacrament in which we meet Jesus as friend of sinners, rather as we meet him in the Eucharist as Bread of Life, and receive the assurance that our sins are forgiven. It is an opportunity for us to show that we take sin seriously, as God takes it seriously. Above all it's an opportunity to show we really do believe on the one hand in the utter holiness of our God and on the other in his endless mercy and compassion. The true center of this sacrament is the Lord, not ourselves.

Today's gospel ends with the story of the barren fruit tree. The vinedresser pleads for time. He asks that it be given another chance; if that fails, then perhaps there'll be no option. And the moral of the story is? Though the compassion of our God has no end, our opportunities of benefiting from it cannot last for ever.

And, let me repeat, that is not a threat but a word of loving advice. May God's Mercy and Compassion be yours through Repentance this Lent.

Father Bob Pastor



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - The sweet smell of prayer

We tend to pray for the people we like. Or at least we pray for family and friends, even—or especially—if they're troublesome. Maybe for Lent we should try praying for the people we don't like, those at work or school or in the neighborhood who just rub us the wrong way. They are like the unfruitful trees in the gospel story: We encounter them hoping for something sweet, but we get something sour. Our prayers for them are like . . . well, fertilizer. A season of prayer would do them—and us—a world of good.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9*

"Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

MONDAY, MARCH 8

FEAST OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

Love first and ask questions later

Saint John of God (1495-1550) had a habit of jumping in to help whenever he saw the need. During a hospital stay he got up to care for the other patients around him. On another occasion, when the same hospital was on fire, he dropped what he was doing, raced to the scene, and rushed into the burning building to carry out patients on his back and then again to try to save the structure. A prayer to John says: "Saint John, help us to act out of love as soon as we feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit." Have you ever held back when you could have helped? Promise yourself you'll leap at future chances to do something good.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30 "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

FEAST OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Give it up for Frances

Frances was born in Rome in 1384 to wealthy parents. At an early age she wanted to be a nun, but her parents arranged a marriage instead. She would lose two children to the plague, which sensitized her to the needs of the less fortunate. With her sister she visited the poor and took care of the sick, inspiring other wealthy women to do the same. Frances can serve as our inspiration to practice a little good-old-fashioned Lenten almsgiving.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 "Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Each one, teach one

God bless those who take the time and trouble to teach! The neighbor who shares the secret to flaky pie crust; the guy at the hardware store who explains the mysteries of doorknob mechanisms; and the high school history teacher who opens up a love for the treasures of the past—all give us something wonderful for the road ahead. The greatest teachers are those who instruct us not only in how-to-do but who-to-be: loving, compassionate, responsible, and just children of God. Consider the best lessons you've been taught and pass them along.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

"Whoever [keeps these commandments] and teaches others to do the same, will be great in the Kingdom of heaven."

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

LENTEN WEEKDAY

It's up to you

Lent's traditional fasting, prayer, and almsgiving can help us slow down and consider whether the thousands of choices we make in a day are in tune with God. In prayer we listen in silence for God's perspective on how to live. Fasting prods us to abandon quick, self-indulgent answers to life's questions and problems. Almsgiving asks what we value and whether we are generous. Tuned in to our often automatic decision-making, we may realize how much each choice matters. The amazing ability of a computer is actually the result of myriad "switches," each set at either one or zero. Change only one, and the result changes. So also we, by paying attention to our choices, may choose to undo some of our scatteredness, our noisiness, our sadness—and soften a stony heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 "Whoever is not with me is against me."

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Now hear this

When challenged by the scribes to name the most important of the commandments, Jesus begins by quoting the prayer that is known as the *Shema Yisrael* for its opening words: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone." To this day observant Jews consider the *Shema* their most important prayer, reciting it twice daily, and it is traditional for Jews to recite it as their last words. If we want to understand the life and times of Jesus, a good place to start is to learn about Judaism. Study up today!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other.'"

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Lent, here and now

How's Lent going for you? Has it been easy to enter into this year, or has it not even been on your radar screen? Wherever you are, it's OK. Today is a new day. If you're having difficulty, look to the prophet Hosea. Hosea gives us two things on which to focus our attention and efforts. First, he calls us to be persons of steadfast love. We can express steadfast love by attending a Lenten celebration with our parish community, reaching out to someone in need, or doing something especially considerate for our loved ones. Second, Hosea calls us to knowledge of God; not simply to know about God but to know God, to be in relationship with God. We can do that by being aware, right now, that we are in God's presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 "For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

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CAPTURE THE LENTEN SPIRIT IN PRAYER AND ATTEND THE FOLLOWING LENTEN SERVICES

There will be a 6:45 P.M. Mass every Wednesday throughout Lent...

Friday, March 12 Taizé Prayer 7:00 P.M.

Church

Friday, March 19 Soup Supper and Movie 6:30 P.M.

Morrissey Hall

Friday, March 26 Stations of the Cross 7:00 P.M.

Church

All Fridays in Lent School Stations of the Cross 2:00 P.M.

Church

There will also be a Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, March 22 7:00 P.M.

WALKING WITH CATHOLICS WHO HAVE "COME HOME"

In December and January there were 5 ½ weeks of television ads that invited Catholics to come back to the practice of the faith. That invitation has touched the hearts of hundreds of Catholics in the Archdiocese! As Catholics return to the Church, hundreds have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the last month, some at special opportunities for Reconciliation while others have been returning to the Sacrament of Penance in their home parish. The next phase of Catholics Come Home Chicago includes a series of adult formation sessions held during the Season of Lent, called "Homecoming: Catholics Renewing Their Faith". Parishes around the Archdiocese will continue to invite those Catholics who have drifted from the faith to come back and learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church. If you know someone who wants to learn about the Catholic Church, you can be that warm, inviting voice that says, "If you've been away from the Church for whatever reason, we invite you to take another look and come home." To find all the parish locations, dates and time call 312-534-5100 or go to the website at www.CatholicsComeHomeCHICAGO.org.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The St. Cletus Parish family will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing* during the 11:00am Mass on *Sunday, March 14, 2010*. We encourage parishioners to bring their family, friends and neighbors who might be in need of the healing graces of this sacrament. Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the rectory office or drop it in the collection basket. Questions? Call Dolores Wouk in the Ministry of Care Office at (708) 215-5407.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name(s) of those to be anointed							
Address							
City	Phone						
Do you need transportation? Yes	No						



The St. Cletus Elect at the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral





ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, THE RCIA GROUP TRAVELED TO HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION WITH CARDINAL GEORGE. THE GROUP FOUND THIS EXPERIENCE TO BE VERY ENRICHING AND PRAYERFUL. PLEASE KEEP OUR "ELECT" IN YOUR PRAYERS AS WE JOURNEY TO EASTER AND THEIR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH.



















SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



OPERATION RICE BOWL

THIRD WEEK OF LENT – THE BURNING BUSH AND THE CALL OF MOSES

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities. This week, follow your *Operation Rice Bowl Home Calendar Guide* to learn how CRS helps the children in Afghanistan gain more opportunities for quality education.

DO YOU KNOW:

- With few opportunities to develop good health care, quality education and prosperity for its people,
 Afghanistan faces low life expectancy and literacy rates, and limited access to basic necessities such as
 safe water, sanitation, and electricity. This Texas-sized nation is now the sixth poorest country in the
 world.
- For much of the last 25 years, Afghanistan has been plagued by natural and manmade disasters, ranging from war and draught to earthquakes and terrorism. However, these are days of cautious optimism. Afghanistan is taking definite steps to recovery. Girls are re-entering classrooms, and women are resuming their places in the workplace and academia. Music, once banned, is again heard in the bazaars.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has been working in Afghanistan since 1998. In 2001, CRS opened
 three offices to provide emergency relief and vocational training to those affected by war, poverty and
 drought. Now CRS works with partners to help people rebuild homes and farms, and supports cashfor-work programs to rebuild war-damaged infrastructure. Key areas of their work include agriculture
 and enterprise, water and sanitation, community-based education, women's livelihoods and emergency
 response.

This week's Catholic Social Teaching Focus: **Community and Participation**. Human beings are not only sacred, but social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person.

FOOD PANTRY...

Most needed items at this time are spaghetti, meals in a can/box, canned corn, canned fruit, boxed side dishes, cereal, tea, coffee, paper goods and all sizes of diapers. *Please* add one or more of these items (or any non-perishable) to your weekly grocery list, and drop your donations off in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass over the weekend, or daily, 7:45 AM- 4:00 PM. Thank you for your continuing support of this community outreach!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

Question:

What do all these things have in common?

- 1) Nice, straight teeth
- 2) A break for cookies and milk
- 3) A photo session with a photographer
- 4) A vacation somewhere warm
- 5) Taking in a ballgame of your favorite hometown team
- 6) Dinner and a show out with friends
- 7) Making a difference in a child's education

Answer:

They all make you smile and they're all available at the St. Cletus Spring Gala and Auction, Sweet Home Chicago



Please Join Us Saturday, March 20 7pm La Grange Country Club

Cocktails • Hors d'oeuvres Silent Auction • Live Auction Live Band • Exciting Raffles

For more information, including invitation, reservation, raffle entry, and donor forms, please visit the school website at www.stcletusparish.com/school/fundraising/Auction/
Questions? Please call Jim & Diane Krecek @ 708-352-8498

ST. CLETUS WELCOMES THE... WILLIAM FERRIS CHORALE!



Mark your calendars for another outstanding musical opportunity! On Sunday, March 14th at 3:00 P.M., the renowned William Ferris Chorale will perform at St. Cletus as part of our Fine Arts Series. The Ferris Chorale is directed by Paul French, who is a former music director at our neighboring parish, St. John of the Cross.

For this concert, Elmhurst based Spirito Singers will join the Chorale, accompanied by strings, harp, and organ, to present Fauré's much-loved Requiem. Also on the program, are works by Randall Thompson, Eleanor Daley, traditional spirituals, hauntingly beautiful works by Eric Whitacre, and rousing choruses from George Frideric Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabeus.

Tickets will be available for sale in the vestibule after all Masses **this** weekend; they are also available by calling (773) 325-5000. Because this concert is part of the Ferris Chorale subscription season, there is a ticket cost to attend this event. Tickets are \$25 (reserved) or \$20 (general) with discounts available for students and seniors. Plan to join us for a glorious program on March 14th!

- Justin Sisul
Director of Music

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Lent is the perfect time to make time for God. Treat yourself to a Taizé experience of silence, meditative prayer, Scripture and song. Sometimes we need to refresh our spirits and return to the source of our being. Taizé offers a peace-filled moment in our task-driven world to reflect on what is important in our lives.. Won't you come on Friday, March 12, at 7:00 P.M.?

Faulette Bolton
Liturgist



Thank you to all of the parishioners who supported the 1st Erin Potts Volleyball Invitational that was held Sat 2/6 and Sun 2/7.

It was a huge success! St. Cletus School raised more than \$11,500 for Sarcoma Alliance in honor of Erin Potts, age 18, St. Cletus and LTHS graduate that passed away Dec 18, 2009, after a 3-year battle with cancer.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR JOB SEEKERS

Are you one of the many in transition, looking for your next career opportunity? If so, we share your need for some encouragement and support. *Interfaith Career Network* welcomes you to an evening of inspiration and understanding. Pastors and Ministers from several La Grange area congregations will share their thoughts and insights on the journey of your job search. We hope you will join us for this uplifting and motivational interfaith discussion on Thursday, March 18, 7 pm, at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road in Western Springs. Invite someone in your family, or a friend to join you. All are welcome and there is no fee for attending.

OUR GUEST PANEL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING CLERGY:

Father Bob Clark,

Pastor of St. Cletus Church in La Grange

Pastor Bill Geis,

St. John's Lutheran Church in La Grange

Reverend Kenneth Green,

Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of La Grange

Pastor Michael Strickland,

Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church of La Grange

THE YOUTH MINISTRY SKI TRIP TO CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN! MANY THANKS TO CHAPERONES, MIKE PUSATERA, DALE FISHER AND FR. EDGAR RODRIGUEZ

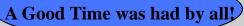


























\$33,274

	<u>Sunday Collection</u>		
Total Active Registered Families	2,533		
Collection Statistics		Amount	t Collected
# of envelopes used - this week	736		
% of registered families	29%	\$23,387	Envelope Users
-		2,669	Loose Checks/Cash
		7,218	Ach User

February 28, 2010 Budgeted Collection = 26,750

Weekly (Under) Over Budget	\$6,524
This Fiscal Year @ 2/28/10	
Actual Sunday Collections	\$938,983
Budgeted Sunday Collections	936,250
(Under) Over than Budgeted	\$ 2,733

Thank you for your continued generous support. Your extra two to three dollars helps the parish meet our weekly budgeted needs.

Fr. Bob Clark Pastor

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March 7, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe has experienced some progress in its efforts to support faith renewal and growth in regions where Catholics still feel the effects of fallen repressive regimes. However, great needs remain, for individual and religious freedoms are in their infancy.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe funds essential pastoral services for this vast geographic and ethnically diverse area. These include seminary formation, parish maintenance, and shelter for children and young people in need of housing, education and counseling.

Your generous support of this collection will sustain the confidence and hope which our brothers and sisters in Central and Eastern Europe have come to experience since the fall of communism. On behalf of those who are in need, thank you for sustaining the faith of future generations in this region of the world.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones as we strive to live with a deep sense of solidarity for the needs of others within our parishes, our Archdiocese, and throughout the Universal Church. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend.

Francis Carolinal George

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE						
Day/Date	Start Time	Location/ Rm. #	Event			
Monday, March 8	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	C MH S-98 MH	RE Reconciliation School Band Concert Bible Study Men's BB			
Tuesday, March 9	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S-213 S-200 RB	Compassionate Care Ministry Parish Life Meeting School Board Meeting			
Wednesday, March 10	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	C RB C S-213 S-200	School Mass Mission Ladies Lenten Mass RCIA Baptism Prep Class			
Thursday, March 11	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	S-Music S-Music CV S-Music S-Music S-200 S-213	Children's Choir Youth Choir Food Pantry Contemporary Choir Chancel Choir Wedding Ministry Coordinators AA Meeting			
Friday, March 12	2:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV MH Lobby S-Music S-207 C	Stations of the Cross MANNA Hispanic Ministry Choir Hispanic Ministry Bible Class Taizé Prayer			
Saturday, March 13	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	CV CV CV	Operation Rice Bowl Blood Drive Sign Up Fine Arts Ticket Sales			
Sunday, March 14	7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	CV CV CV C	Operation Rice Bowl Blood Drive Sign-Up Fine Arts Ticket Sales Anointing of Sick Fine Arts Recital			
C CV MH	Church Church Vestibule Morrissey Hall	S RB	School Rectory Basement			

MADONNA DELLA STRADA SHRINE

By virtue of our baptism we are called to serve the needs of the poor. St. Cletus Parish has always answered that call with great charity of heart. This shrine continues to inspire our parish in its outreach to all of God's children but especially those who are in need.

Anyone still wishing to contribute a gift may contact the rectory. Many gave in memory of a loved one or in the name of their families. Please remember that your intentions will always be remembered by this faith community in our thoughts and prayers. A donation of \$500 or more to our social concerns ministry in the name of a loved one or themselves will be remembered on the plaque of donors in the shrine area.

The Women's Center Bulletin

Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday to organize and sort clothing donations. Help is also needed to answer calls in our Chicago and Evergreen Park counseling offices. For more information call **773-794-1313**. We are also looking for a volunteer to promote our newsletter for young people to schools and individuals. The newsletter features stories about saints, God's love for us, pro-life ideas, plus fun things. **If interested,** call Pat at (773) 794-4777.

We also need boy's clothes in sizes 3-16, infant sleepers, crib sheets and bumper pads. We desperately **need 9 baby cribs**, odd crib parts for repairs, **12 infant/carrier car seats**, 3 toddler beds, 3 bouncers, 8 single strollers, 3 small chests of drawers, 3 changing tables and 6 baby swings. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick up is needed, please call (773) 794-1313. **All clothing needs to be dropped off unless accompanied by baby furniture.** We need more volunteers to pick up baby furniture. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.



What is a "Nun Run?" A Nun Run is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-35 are

invited to visit 3-4 different Sisters' convents. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, share stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided. No fee for the weekend. The Nun Run is March 19-20 and will visit area Convent. For more information check out our website www.vocationscava.org or call Sr. Jenny Howard, SP at 1-800-860-1840 x2897 or email jhoward@spsmw.org to receive a brochure and to register. Sponsored by the Office for Religious/Chicago Archdiocesan Vocation Association (CAVA).



Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 14, 2010

SCHOOL 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. 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 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until Noon if you have questions or would like to make an appointment to visit our school. Come "Discover St. Cletus"!

RESPECT LIFE

There is an abortion clinic in Hinsdale, which is called the ACU Health Center. The Center is located at 736 North York Road, just south of Ogden Avenue on the west side.

A group of committed volunteers (grandmas, grandpas, men, women, college-age and high school students) gather outside the clinic each Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:00 (as well as on other days and at other times) to pray for the women, men, babies, clinic workers ,and doctors. They also offer counseling, asking women and men to choose life for their unborn children. Frequently, lives are saved.

Please pray for all those impacted by abortion, especially the babies Also consider joining the volunteer group which works to save lives at the Hinsdale abortion facility. Come for a half-hour, once a week, once a month, or just once to see what it is all about.

Please contact Linda Lofgren, member of the St. Cletus Parish Committee for Respect Life Activities at (708) 482-0669 for more information. Join us for a short amount of time to offer peaceful prayers for Life. Hope to see you there.

Marianne & Wayne Hamilton
Coordinators for Respect Life Committee

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, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

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

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. 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).

EUCHARISTIC 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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson:Rita F. MayerVice - Chairperson:Jim RyvaRecording Secretary:Xavier Polanski

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Silvia Casas

Social Concerns: Ignacio Saavedra
Dick Ford

Technology Representative:
Parish Life:
Jim Ryva
Julie Lenz
Lori Ashe

Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

THE MYSTERIOUS ONE

Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lents are really journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone.

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